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Bombard Starts Position As Town Engineer

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Maps and blueprints stick out of filled boxes and rows of books surround the walls. They are all tools of the trade for new Town Engineer William Bombard.

Bombard started in his new position, Monday, February 3rd, after being appointed by Town Manager Reid Charles. He said, "Right now I'm just trying to get my feet on the ground and find out what's happening. I just want to do a good job and provide a service to Agawam. It's a good-sized, growing town."

Bombard lives in Southbridge with his wife and family. Although he presently doesn't have plans to move to Agawam, he commented, "Agawam is a nice town. It appears to be a pleasant place to live. There are a lot of nice older homes here."

In Southbridge, he serves as chairman of the Planning Board and is a member of the delegation to Central Massachusetts Planning Commission, which is equivalent to the Western Massachusetts Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Bombard said, "My experience in these organizations will help me in Agawam."

Bombard has been practicing civil engineering for 14 years. He holds a b.s. in civil engineering from Lowell Technical Institute which is now Lowell University, an m.s. in environmental engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology, and is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He feels that his background will give him a fresh insight. "I'll have a different perspective on things," he told us.

About Agawam he said, "I must say that from what

I've seen to date, the town is very progressive in their planning and in their forward-looking approach to the technical problems facing the town. It's important to continue on in that vein, to insure the town can accommodate that growth."

He added, "It's my job to supervise that growth to insure that the town isn't stuck with something down the road."

Bombard further commented, "As a town grows, there is a tremendous need to keep up with the growth according to town funds. There's a need for changes in sewers, water, and roads. As a town expands, it bears on this department."

In addressing town roads, he said, "Traffic has an environmental impact. The Route 57 Extension Project is slated to be advertised for bids in September. I think it will help the town. It will be a good improvement. It does affect certain individuals, but in the long run, it will benefit the whole town."

Bombard continued, "I'm sure some people want the town to stay as it is or go back to the way it was 20 years ago. When it comes to changes they think, 'not in my backyard' and that kind of thing."

"I'm sure many people would like to live in Agawam and there's no reason why they shouldn't. It's up to the town to make sure they can be accommodated. We should be doing things for the betterment of the town in general, not just for certain individuals."

Bombard replaces former engineer Michael Suprenant, who resigned last year.



NEW TOWN ENGINEER WILLIAM BOMBARD began his new duties for the town, Monday, February 3rd. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Coon Feted At Retirement Party By Schools



RETIRING SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUSINESS MANAGER James Coon has a boutonniere pinned on his lapel by his secretary, Ann Zavarella, at his retirement party, Tuesday, February 4th. Looking on is Coon's wife, Dorothy, also a former School Department employee. (Related picture inside). Advertiser News photo by

Jack Devine.

Our Offices Will Be Closed.....

Please take note that because of the long holiday weekend, our offices will be closed all day, Friday, February 14th, and Monday, February 17th. Deadlines for next week's paper remain the same. The building will be open Friday, Saturday, and Monday if you wish to come upstairs and slide news, classifieds, etc., under our door.

Town Democrats Caucus For State Convention



ROLAND ROBERTS SR., and his son **Dennis**, a former Agawam Town Councilor, fill-out papers at the Agawam Democratic Town Committee's caucus, Saturday, February 8th, at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Robert Guidetti (left) and fellow Democrat **William Walsh Jr.**, await results of balloting, Saturday, February 8th. Local Democrats selected delegates to send to the Annual State Convention. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

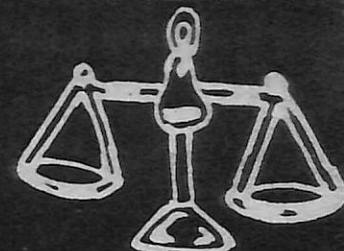
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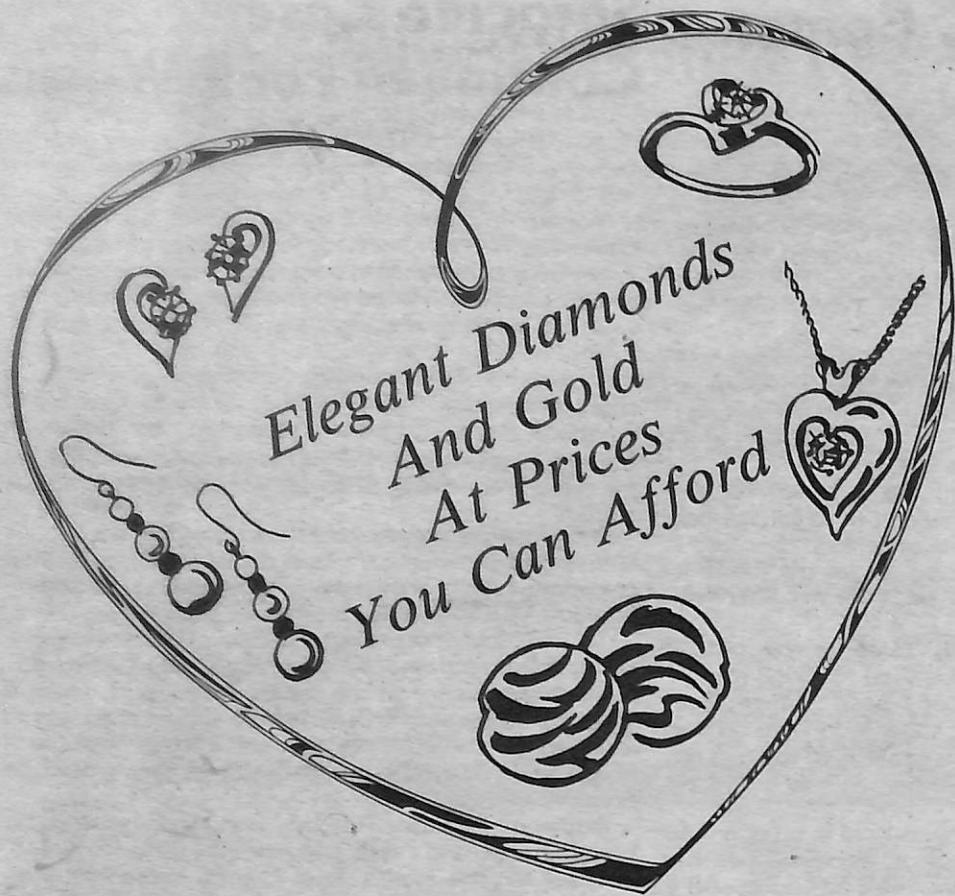


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Schneider Awaiting Day Before CC Comm.

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

The appeal of Agawam Fire Lieutenant Gary Schneider to the state's Civil Service Commission concerning the deputy fire chief's position has been scheduled to be heard, Wednesday, February 19th, in Boston.

Schneider started his appeal to the Civil Service Commission in August 1985 after the town passed him over for the deputy fire chief's job. Schneider contends he wasn't treated fairly by the town.

Personalities Not Involved

He told us in an interview earlier this week, "This isn't a fight with anyone. There are no personalities involved. This is about the way the town handled the situation."

Town Manager Reid S. Charles, who appointed David Pisano to the post, would not comment on the situation when contacted by the *Advertiser News*.

Schneider said two hearing dates before the Civil Service Commission have already been postponed because the town failed to supply his attorney, Gerald Hegarty, with pertinent information concerning the case. A third hearing date, slated for January 30th, was then rescheduled for February 19th.

According to Schneider, state law mandates that a town must hire an individual with the highest score on the Civil Service test or present a job-related reason why that person wasn't chosen.

"In my case, this certainly wasn't done at all. It's a shame when you have to spend so much time and money to fight for your rights," Schneider told us.

The issue started in 1981 when two positions in the Agawam Fire Department became vacant. Former longtime Fire Chief Harry Schneider resigned, opening up that post, and the deputy fire chief's post also became vacant.

"I took both Civil Service exams for the posts. I studied for more than three years. I even took my books on vacation. I'd have a fishing pole in one hand and a book in the other."

By March 1985, Schneider said, the list of marks came out from the state. Two individuals passed the exam, present Fire Chief Russell Jenks (highest score) and Schneider with the second highest score.

On April 11th, Schneider was interviewed for the fire chief's position, but was told the job was going to the

man with the highest score (Jenks), so he wasn't interviewed.

Schneider then waited for the second Civil Service list on the deputy fire chief's job to be posted. He said, "For four months I called to find out about the list. The town kept saying Civil Service had it. I'd call Civil Service and they said Agawam had it."

"On August 10th (1985), the Civil Service list came in for the second time. I was told I'd be interviewed on August 12th and to bring two letters with me stating I was qualified for the job."

Had High Expectations

Schneider said he went into the interview for the deputy chief's post with high expectations (after what occurred during the appointment of Jenks). "Because I got the highest score, I expected to get the job. But then I found out there would be a formal interview before a panel."

According to Schneider, of the three-member panel, only Jenks was (in his mind) qualified to judge who should receive the deputy chief's post. "There were two assistants to the town manager who were on the panel and I don't think they were qualified to be in on this choice. I expected the town manager to be there, but he didn't talk to me at all."

Schneider said the interview was held in an open office with people walking in and out. He said he wasn't asked many questions. "No one took any notes. All I was told that I'd be notified in 15 days of the panel's decision."

On Friday, August 23rd, Schneider said he went into work and saw a notice posted on the bulletin board announcing that David Pisano was appointed as the new deputy fire chief.

"The town didn't even let me know until three days after I read the notice on the bulletin board that I didn't receive the job," Schneider said.

Schneider said that as of presstime, he doesn't understand why he wasn't chosen for the job and was never given a conclusive reason for the town's actions. "I can't still understand it. No one has said anything to me," Schneider said.

Schneider said he will just wait until his appearance before the Civil Service Commission to find these answers.

Saracino Case Continued For 2 Weeks

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Monday in Hampden County Superior Court, Judge Lawrence Urbano continued the case of Agawam Town Councilor Anthony Saracino for two more weeks. Saracino had petitioned the court for a preliminary injunction against the state's Court Officers Service Union.

As a result of the hearing before Urbano, Saracino, a court officer for Hampshire County Superior Court, and Raymond Feyre, a Holyoke alderman and Hampden County Court officer, will not see their court jobs terminated, Wednesday, February 12th, as was previously slated.

Both men are members of the Court Officers Service Union and the flap centers around a clause in their contract which prohibits them from holding elected office.

Thomas Joyce, coordinator of Court Officer Services, under the direction of Judge Arthur Mason, chief administrative justice of the state's Trial Courts, sent a letter to both men indicating that unless they either resigned their elective posts or took a leave of absence from their court jobs by Wednesday, they would be fired.

Agawam Attorney Anthony Bonavita, counsel for both Saracino and Feyre, and Attorney Ilene Robinson, counsel for the state's Trial Courts, presented their arguments for about an hour before Judge Urbano.

Bonavita said afterwards, "I don't think the defense raised a legitimate argument at any juncture."

One of the main points of Bonavita's case is centered around Massachusetts State Law 268A. That law was amended in 1980 and allows state employees to hold elected office and receive compensation if they do not vote on matters which affect the state agency they work for.

The Court Officer Employee Union, however, maintains the clause in their contract is more important than the state law, Bonavita told us. "They are simply saying that their union contract can supercede state law."

Attorney Robinson argued that a similar case in Suffolk Superior Court involved a man who was a court officer in Westboro where he also resides. Eventually, the man took a leave of absence from his court job and the issue was never appealed. The judge then called the case moot because the party in question eventually resigned his elected post.

"Factually, the Lowe case is totally different from this one," Bonavita told us. "The man had already taken a leave of absence from his job, where my clients have not. This gentleman also lived, worked, and was an elected official in the same town. That does not apply to my clients."

According to Bonavita, several other cases testing this law have shown that this particular union contract cannot supercede the state law. "The judge ruled in the case of the employees in these cases," Bonavita said.

"I was not surprised by Attorney Robinson's arguments at all. Not one she used was legitimate. The tendency of the court is that a contract can't take precedence over state law."

Rep. Walsh To Hold Agawam Office Hours

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be holding office hours in Agawam, Saturday, February 15th. Office hours will be held at the Agawam Public Library from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The representative can also be reached at 786-4545 for those constituents who wish to meet with him, but are unable to attend office hours.

Senator Melconian To Speak Before West Side Chamber

"Liability Insurance: Problems and Solutions" will be the topic of a West Springfield Chamber of Commerce breakfast, Friday, February 21st, at 7:30 a.m., at the Colosseum Banquet House.

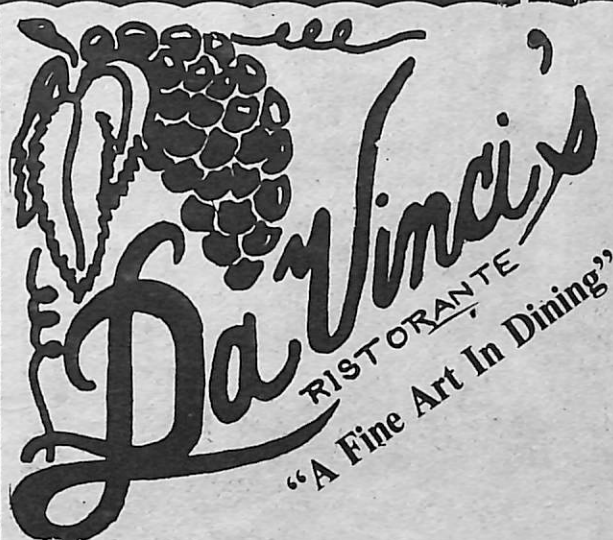
Guest speakers will be State Senator Linda Melconian, chairwoman of the Senate Insurance Committee, and West Springfield insurance agent David Griffin.

Donald MacMeekin, insurance consultant and a Chamber director, will serve as moderator.

Program committee member Annmarie Russo, Northeast Utilities, will chair the event.

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Ashe Reports Another Record Year For Hampden Registry

Hampden County Register of Deeds Donald E. Ashe announced that \$769,656,895.00 has been spent on real estate in Hampden County during 1985, a 45 percent increase over the \$532,256,640.00 spent during 1984.

Monies collected by the Registry of Deeds in 1985 from recording fees and excise tax stamps relative to these real estate transactions totalled \$2,897,735.13.

Recording fees comprised \$1,142,917.40 of this total, an increase of 20.7 percent over the previous year. Fees from the sale of excise tax stamps accounted for \$1,754,817.73, a 44.6 percent increase over 1984.

Excise tax stamps, which are affixed to the deeds, are based on a fee of \$2.28 per thousand dollars of purchase price. Receipts from the sale of excise tax stamps are turned over to the Commonwealth. Receipts from recordings are deposited with the county.

The Registry recorded a total of 68,729 documents in 1985, a 19 percent increase over the total of 57,582 recorded in 1984. The 1985 figure is almost double the total of 37,475 recorded in 1981.

Registry's Fiscal Year

While these figures represent the transactions which occurred during the 1985 calendar year, December 31st also marked the halfway point in the Registry's fiscal year. From July 1st, 1985 to the end of the year, the Registry recorded 38,278 documents. This represents a 31 percent increase over the 29,239 recorded during the same period in 1984.

While these figures reflect a sizeable increase in real estate transactions, they are also the result of dramatic increases in property values. In Hampden County, property values rose 22 percent during 1985, while residential homes rose 27 percent during the same period.

It has not been uncommon to see property values rising two, three, or even as much as five percent a month in some areas. The average single-family home sold this past summer for \$70,000, up from \$57,800 a year ago. Some areas of Hampden County command premium prices for homes in all categories.

These include the Forest Park historic district of Springfield, and bedroom communities such as Wilbraham and Longmeadow. In some communities where lots are smaller, prices sometimes are slightly lower than the Hampden County average.

This county offers some of the best housing bargains anywhere, and people from other regions are beginning to discover it. The single family resale volume is expected to increase over the next two years, at staggeringly higher prices.

Rapidly rising home values have benefitted buyers and sellers. Sellers are realizing an excellent return on

their housing investment, and buyers are building a significant equity position within a few short months.

Economic conditions, especially the employment situation, have a lot to do with the high activity in the housing market. Good employment opportunities from strong local industries have contributed to the historically high levels of home sales in this area, and Register Ashe foresees that this trend will continue.

The outlook for the residential sales market for 1986 is a bright one. Economic indicators, including a drop in interest rates and a continuing low inflation rate, all suggest that 1986 will not only be a good year, but one of prosperity.

Ashe feels that declining interest rates should continue to raise the level of existing home sales as well as the construction of new homes. With the effective interest rates on long term mortgages now below 12.5 percent, thousands of potential home buyers and sellers who waited out the high interest period in 1981 and 1982 are entering the housing market.

Frenzy Of Home Sales

The frenzy of home sales caused by the currently low interest rates and even brighter future is resulting in a severe shortage of available housing. Another contributor to this problem trend is the long period of sus-

tained low construction during the time when interest rates were high. The county, without question, faces inventory shortages and upward price pressures that may extend well into the late 1980's.

Home construction spending in the county was up six percent to \$27 million from \$25.4 million a year ago.

All of this activity has caused recording levels at the Registry of Deeds to reach an all-time high, and create serious problems. Office space at the Registry is at a premium, and the deluge of record books, bound daily, is diminishing this precious space.

Due to close cooperation with the County Commissioners and the Advisory Board, the Registry is now implementing various programs to help alleviate its dilemma. New equipment has been purchased which will permit the required Registry procedures to be done in a much more efficient manner.

The physical layout of the Registry has been altered in many areas, in order to provide maximum use of the dwindling office space.

These measures, along with others which are scheduled to be implemented in the near future, are just part of Ashe's comprehensive plan to better serve the citizens of Hampden County.

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Letters To The EDITOR

Planning Dept. Survey Scored

To The Editor:

In November of 1985 the Office of Planning and Community Development for the Town of Agawam conducted a town-wide Attitudinal Survey. The purpose of the survey was to provide the Planning Department with public input to assist them in future planning decisions.

The survey consisted of six parts: (1) demographic characteristics of the respondent, (2) general questions about Agawam, (3) public perception of town services, (4) land use and development, (5) recreation, and (6) historic preservation.

The survey was sent to a total of 268 residents, and only 56 responses were received. This constitutes barely a 20 percent response level. The surveys were not coded to prevent any one party from sending in more than one response. The questions asked on the survey were confusing, which probably accounts for the low response level.

The part of the survey which presents the most problems to me is the section dealing with land use and development. The questions in this part dealt mainly with the public's opinion concerning the present state of development in Agawam, and their opinions as to the course future development should take in Agawam.

These issues are key issues to the future of Agawam. If Agawam is to maintain the high level of services it provides to its residents without raising taxes, it must look to commercial and industrial development as a source of revenue to strengthen its tax base. This reality is even clearer in light of Proposition 2½ and the future prospect of lower federal and state grants.

The thought that the Planning Department or the town council would even consider the results of a confusing survey that was answered by only 56 people in deciding questions so vital to the future of Agawam seems ludicrous.

I believe this survey should be disregarded as a planning tool. If the Planning Department and the town council want public input for planning decisions, they should consider public referendum questions, or devise a more detailed and less confusing survey, and obtain a larger sample than 56.

School Board Recognizes Coon Retirement



RETIRING SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUSINESS MANAGER James Coon receives a citation from School Committee chairwoman Jessie Fuller at his retirement party, Tuesday, February 4th. Looking on are board members John Walsh and Robert Doering. (Related photo on Page 1). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Therefore, I urge all the citizens of Agawam to call or write their councilors, and express their concern over this matter.

I am scheduled to appear before the Town Council at their next meeting to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,
Christopher Johnson
Agawam

Little League Says Thanks...

To The Editor:

The Agawam Little League wants to say thanks for your paper's ongoing support. You have most generously published articles and supported our fundraiser dance, as well as Little League sign-up notices.

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The Agawam Advertiser News is a great asset to us, the Agawam Little League, and to the community of Agawam.

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Obituaries

Charlotte E. Cote

Agawam: Charlotte E. (Long) Cote, 81, of 263 Meadow Street, a retired 33-year employee at the former Atkins Green House, died Monday, February 3rd, in Mary Vale Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona. She retired in 1980. Born in Lynn, she lived in Agawam 36 years. She was a Gold Star Mother. She leaves her husband, George N. Cote; two daughters, Elizabeth A. Pisano of Feeding Hills and Jacqueline L. Wright of Phoenix; two sisters, Irene Cole and Helen Brocklesby, both of the Millers Falls section of Montague; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday morning at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Charles Michaels

Agawam: Charles Michaels, 59, of 125 Country Road, owner of the Westover Shoe Repair Company in the Fairview section of Chicopee, died Saturday, February 8th, in St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Hartford, following an apparent heart attack.

Michaels operated the repair firm for more than 20 years.

A native of Larnaca, Cyprus, he came to this country in 1949 and had lived in Springfield 20 years before he moved to Agawam in 1977.

He was a member of St. George's Cathedral, Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Tula Cokotis; two sons, George and William, both at home; two brothers, Harry of Bricktown, New Jersey, and Kosta of Lake Zurich, Illinois; and a sister, Androulla Hatras of Bricktown.

The funeral was Tuesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield.

Madeline Tyburski

Agawam: Madeline (Walsh) Tyburski, 63, of 1227 Suffield Street, died recently in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Springfield, she had lived in Agawam 35 years. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. She is survived by her husband, Stanley E. Tyburski; a son, Edward of Agawam; a daughter, Maryann Kane of Agawam; three brothers, James Walsh of West Springfield, William Walsh of Chicopee, and George Walsh of Connecticut; three sisters, Helen Cumm of Agawam, Doris Szpotowski of Hyannis and Jennie LaBier of Chicopee; and two grandchildren. The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with services in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Esther M. Carney

Esther M. Terry (LaFleur) Carney of 68 Peros Drive, Agawam, died Thursday, January 30th, at home after a brief illness. She worked for many years at the Agawam Public Market. A longtime resident of Agawam, she was a member of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband, Robert; a son, Paul of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, Kathleen Bousquet of Agawam; and four grandchildren; three sisters, Dora Delaronde of Holyoke, Bella Colty of Chicopee and Doris Hall of Norman, Oklahoma. The funeral was Saturday, February 1st in St. John the Evangelist Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Tazzini's Funeral Home was in charge. Donations may be made to the St. John the Evangelist Building Fund.

Agawam Republicans Hold Delegates Caucus



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE held a caucus to select delegates to the Annual State Republican Convention in April. Republican officers pictured at the Town Hall caucus are, from left - Harold Walker, treasurer; Virginia Lake, secretary; and Andy Campbell, chairman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

George V. Phaneuf

George V. Phaneuf, 73, of 12 Stanley Place, Agawam, died Wednesday, February 5th, in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit. He had been meat manager for the Food Mart in Agawam for 20 years, retiring in 1973. Presently, he was employed part-time in the meat department at Agawam Market on Main Street.

Born in Springfield on September 25th, 1912, he was the son of the late Alfred and Theodora (Bousquet) Phaneuf. He had lived in Agawam for the past 39 years. A communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, he was a member of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union.

He leaves his widow, Cecile G. (Messier) Phaneuf, a son, Dr. Roger Phaneuf of Sherborn, MA, and three grandchildren. His brother, Armand Phaneuf of Feeding Hills, died in October 1985.

The funeral was held Saturday, February 8th from Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard. Visiting hours were Thursday evening and Friday afternoon and evening. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of Western Massachusetts, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, 01103.

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JUSTIN & ASHLEY BRUNEAU listen to instructions given by Dorothy Coon at the Agawam Public Library during Pre-School Story Hour. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR at the Agawam Public Library, Wednesday, February 5th, are, from left - Christopher Nolin, Debbie Nolin, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Chris Dupelle, Valerie Siedlik, Kathy Siedlik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Catholic Women's Club Schedules February Meeting

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its February meeting, Monday night, February 17th, at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held at the Parish Center of St. John's Church on Main Street. Guest speaker will be Father Jerry McGrath, parish priest at St. John's Church.

Father McGrath will give a graphic and spiritual presentation on the land of our Lord, "In the Footsteps of Jesus."

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Lee Owens and the hospitality committee.

Pvt. Robert Hutchins Completes Training

Army Reserve Private Robert E. Hutchins, son of Roberta K. and George E. Hutchins of 40 Charter Oak Drive, Feeding Hills, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Grange Hall Sponsors Conservation Program

"Conservation in Hampden County" will be the program at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills, Tuesday, February 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Leon Ripley, Hampden

County Conservation District chairman, and a film will be shown by Robert Wichroski, supervisor of Hampden County Conservation District. This Grange program is open to the public.

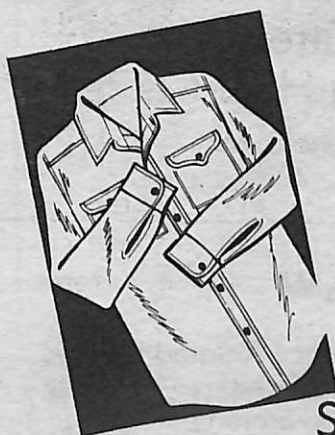
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Angie Bachelder Faced Many Struggles

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Meadowbrook Manor resident, "Angie" Bachelder, has accomplished much in the first 80 years of her life. (She won't be 81 until June.) She was born Angela Morra in Bristol, Rhode Island, a town located on Narragansett Bay about 18 miles southeast of Providence. Following high school, Angie graduated from Bryant College, then called Bryant-Stratton College, Providence.

She worked for a lawyer a few years before marrying Winfred Bachelder. Their baby girl, Leola, was only a year-and-a-half-old when Angie's life was forever changed with the sudden death of her young husband.

These were the Great Depression years and Angie well remembers the struggles to support herself and her baby.

During World War II, she became a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy and was assigned as an inspector at Pratt & Whitney's plants in East Hartford and East Longmeadow. To be near her work, she moved to East Longmeadow where she lived until some years later when she built a home in Feeding Hills. She moved to Meadowbrook Manor in 1977.

Opens Interior Decorator Shop

When Angie resigned from the Navy, she put her sewing skills to good use in the Drapery Department of Forbes & Wallace. Not too much later, Angie opened her own shop on Hampden Street in Springfield. Her natural creative and artistic talents, combined with her business education, enabled her to achieve success. Sometime during these busy years, she taught an evening Slip Cover Class in Westfield for 13 years.

Eventually, Angie's daughter finished school with a degree from A.I.C., married, and established her own family. Tragedy struck again when her children were one and two years old.

A sudden heart attack left Leola a young widow with a family, as her mother had been left earlier, but with a difference. Leola was a victim of Multiple Sclerosis and Angie became chief homemaker. She took the little family to Florida each winter so Leola could escape New England's cold weather.

When the children, Debra and Mark, were four and five years old, Leola lost her battle with M.S. and Angie took on the role of mother as well as grandmother.

As the children grew older and began to think about

college, Angie instilled in them the fact that if they all worked together, college would be possible.

Mark graduated from A.I.C. and is now a CPA in Oregon. Debra went on to law school after graduating from North Adams State and is now a corporate lawyer in New York. They have blessed Angie with three great-grandchildren.

"Always Fooled Around With Paints"

"I always liked to fool around with painting and crafts," says Angie. And she always sought to improve her talents. She took art courses at Bay Path Junior College, and went summers to Fitchburg State where she earned a master's degree in Vocational Arts when she was in her 40's. She went to STCC for a course in photography in order to learn how to take the kind of photographs she needed from which to do her painting.

She qualified for membership in the National Guild of Craftsmen and about 10 years ago, Angie and two other local artists, pooled their resources and successfully entered their work in the Annual Show of the Guild, held that year at the Hotel Sheraton in Los Angeles. Angie has sold a number of her paintings, which are done in oil, but she says she never promoted that end of her work, except at the California show.

Angie's apartment is a veritable art gallery with many of her oils and craft articles decorating the walls. She loves to paint seascapes and boats, perhaps a subconscious result of having grown up so close to Narragansett Bay.

Today, she amuses herself with knitting and attends the class at the Senior Center. She enjoys playing cards and is a regular worker at the center's Saturday Night Bingo games. She is a charter member of the Senior Center Drama Club and was in the production, "Medieval Times & Dines."

"I've always been a 'ham'," she says. "I was always in all the plays when I was in school and I loved it."

She looks back on her varied careers as homemaker, artist, interior decorator, businesswoman, teacher, and looks ahead to continued participation in the Drama Club.

Certainly, Angie Bachelder has had more than her share of tragedy and adversity in her life, but it has simply inspired her to go on to bigger and better things.



ANGIE BACHELDER is a popular person found regularly at the Agawam Senior Center.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society To Meet In Springfield

Members of Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international honor society of women educators, will meet Saturday, March 8th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Fort Restaurant in Springfield.

Clara Page of Westfield is president of Chi Chapter. One of the major purposes of women in education is to improve the quality of education by working together.

Dr. Paul Menge and John Cavanaugh will speak on stress management.

Italian Sporting Club To Hold Oldies Dance

On Saturday, February 15th, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., the Italian Sporting Club, Cooper Street, Agawam, will be holding its Third Annual Oldies Dance.

Come and join us for a night of reminiscing with disc jockey "Non-Stop Music, Inc."

Tickets will be available at the door at \$6 per person. Snacks will be available.

St. David's Church Names Officers, Leaders

St. David's Episcopal Church of Feeding Hills has elected the following parishioners for position as parish officers and leaders for 1986 at its Annual Meeting.

Walter Kelley, senior warden; Warren Roberts, junior warden; Mary Carpenter, clerk; and Ethel Gibson, treasurer.

Vestry members are: Elizabeth Atwater, pastor-parish; Sherrie Denison, evangelism; Larry Dutton, building use; David Gaboury, pastoral care; Lee Gowdy, service; Anne Kerr, parish life; Gerry Link, stewardship; Pat Moore, education; and Grace Oliver, finance.

Deanery representatives are: Ellie Boissonneault, Eunice Johnson, and Herb Litchfield. Convention delegates are Ellie Boissonneault, Laurel Gagnon, and Jane Nunn.

Other officers include Anne Kerr, parish secretary; Karl Birk, sexton; and ongoing ministers - Carol Miller, assistant treasurer; Vinnie Desrochers, finance committee; Linda Birk, Sunday school superintendent; Carol Jacobs, assistant superintendent; Carol Miller, Larry & Kathy White, and Tony & Lisa Bryant, youth advisors.

Also, Joanne Hudson, altar guild, Bev Lawson, women's group, and Lynn Plakias, newsletter editor.

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Senior Centers News, Briefs, Activities

February 14th - 12:30 P.M.: A special Valentine's Day Program, sponsored by "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center." Members of the Drama Club will present an original skit to acquaint you with the "low-down" on the Senior Center. Refreshments will be served. Don't miss it. **It is for all Agawam residents.**

Tuesday, March 4th, 12:30 Program. Tara Healey, assistant director of Health Services for the Springfield Chapter of American Red Cross, will speak on CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) at the Senior Center. This is an information program.

Classes in CPR can be scheduled for those interested in learning this life-saving procedure. Classes for the staff at the Senior Center will be held May 20th and 27th, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

"Live, Love, Laugh and Be Happy." Class meets at 3:00 p.m., Fridays at the center. There is room for three or four more members in this learning group. Pearl Puskey is leader.

Tuesday, March 18th, at 11:00 a.m., for Hawaii travelers; a meeting for all who plan on going to Hawaii in October, with Linda DeMao of Collette Tours. Linda will be here to give you information and to answer all your questions.

"Once Upon A Mattress"

Wednesday, March 5th, 2:30 p.m. Special arrangements have been made for Agawam seniors to attend the Annual Musical at the MacDuffie School, Ames Hill Drive, Springfield. There is no charge for this special show; you will arrange for your own transportation.



DRESSED IN COSTUME at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home are Agawam seniors, from left - Rose Bigelow, Gladys Belcher, Lillian Doyle, and Louise Vogt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Please register at the ticket booth **before** February 26th. If you have to cancel, be sure to notify the clerk at the ticket booth immediately.

Thursday, March 27th, 12:30 Program featuring "Fats" Daniels and his band with music for entertainment and dancing.

March 11th Trip To Springfield. The Basketball Hall of Fame is steadily attracting more and more national attention with resulting good crowds. A recent weekend saw 1,500 people going through the entrance gates.

Agawam seniors have a wonderful opportunity to visit and enjoy this national attrac-

tion as part of the Springfield Culture Tour on Tuesday, March 11th. One does not need to be a basketball fan to appreciate and feel pride in this museum. The trip also includes lunch at 12 Pyncheon Place, and an afternoon at the Science Museum, including the Planetarium Show about Halley's Comet.

It is human nature to tend to overlook the attractions available in our "backyard" — if you are one of those, take advantage of this opportunity. Total cost for the trip is \$14.50, with a deposit of \$11.50 required with your reservation. Bus pickup at Country View is 8:45 a.m., and at the center, 9:00 a.m. Return home, later afternoon.

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Across The Waters: International Mutual Funds

Many investors are attracted to mutual funds because of the high level of diversification they offer. But by adding a "specialty" mutual fund to their portfolio, investors can take the concept of diversification one step further.

Specialty funds are defined more by type of investment than by investment goal. In general, they invest in a particular segment of the market, whether it is according to industry, location or some other characteristic.

International Mutual Fund

In this column, we'll focus on one type of specialty mutual fund: the international mutual fund.

International funds have become popular in recent years as American investors have realized the potential for appreciation in foreign markets. While some international funds invest in the stocks of only one country or one continent, most are free to split their assets between any number of nations, and can even invest in U.S. companies if conditions appear to favor American securities.

One reason many investors look to international funds is the changing in the value of the U.S. dollar; international funds often gain when the dollar declines in value in comparison to other currencies. When the dollar falls, investments valued in foreign currencies

automatically increase in price.

In fact, the decline of the dollar in the middle and late months of 1985 was one reason why international funds performed well during that period.

In addition, when the dollar falls, international investment capital often shifts from U.S. investments to securities in other parts of the world. Such a shift can frequently increase the price of foreign stocks.

However, international funds do not depend solely on changes in the value of the dollar. As all portfolio managers do, the managers of international funds seek out companies they expect to do well. The difference is that most international funds can select securities from around the globe. International funds also may look for a strong foreign economy and invest a portion of its assets in stocks of that country; when a foreign country's economy is strong, its stock market often responds positively.

Aggressive Growth Funds

Looking at investment goal, most international funds are considered aggressive growth funds. They seek capital appreciation (an increase in the price of stocks held by the fund). They also are considered aggressive because the price of a fund share may rise dramatically, but can also fall dramatically. International funds, even those that can shift assets from country to country, can be volatile simply because conditions in foreign markets can be volatile — sometimes more volatile than U.S. markets.

Investors considering international funds should view them just as they view funds investing in aggressive U.S. growth stocks. Such funds should be considered long-term investments because of the potential for volatility.

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SENIOR CENTER - From Page 10...

A note for your calendar: The Senior Center Art Exhibit will be held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, May 7th, 8th, and 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is an exhibition of the people taking the art courses at the center.

The Senior Center Drama Club presented its show about a medieval royal wedding at Heritage Hall-North, last week. It will be given at East, West and South Buildings during the coming weeks. It was a great experience for the budding Thespians, and the audience was very appreciative.

Private Douglas Tresnak Involved In NATO Exercise

Army Private First Class Douglas W. Tresnak, whose wife, Kelley, is the daughter of George M. & Betty Welch of 129 Liberty Street, Feeding Hills, was involved in a NATO-sponsored exercise by participating in the Army's return of forces to Germany (REFORGER) and the Air Force's Crested Cap exercises.

The exercises are designed to develop uniformity of doctrine, standardize procedures for rapid response to a crisis, and demonstrate solidarity in commitment to NATO goals and objectives.

Tresnak is a cannon crewman with the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas.

He is a 1982 graduate of Quaboag High School, Warren.

A Carnation For The Lady!

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Shays Rebellion

While today few people will question the plight of the American farmer, especially that of the small farmers, our national history is filled with episodes when the farmers of our nation witnessed trying days and years of fruitless return for the hard work necessary to providing our people with the very sustenance of life!

Yet, such was the case during the period of time just after the newly acclaimed United States had won its independence from the mother country, Great Britain.

In order to fully appreciate the circumstances under which Shays Rebellion took place, we must first understand the basis upon which this farmer's rebellion was founded.

The Articles Of Confederation

In 1782, during the embryonic period of our nation's birth, a French-American, Michel-Guillaume Jean Crèvecoeur, wrote a series of articles describing the American way of life: "Letters from an American Farmer."

In this now historical account of the newly established nation, Crèvecoeur stated that the American race was formed out of a mixture of European ancestry that was to develop into "a strange mixture of blood" to be found nowhere else in the world!

Indeed, he was correct in thinking of this great nation as a melting of the world's people steeped in the feelings of total independence! Yet, even during the beginning years of the United States following the Revolution, there remained much for the American people...indeed, the Founding Fathers, to ponder in terms of a strong and democratic republic.

Therefore, it is not surprising that the Second Continental Congress appointed a 13-member committee, under direction of John Dickinson from Pennsylvania, to draw the plans for a new American government following the Revolutionary War.

By the year 1781, every one of the newly-formed states had ratified the Articles of Confederation which provided for a loose confederation of the states with a weak national government.

To say the very least, the new government provided for almost total state sovereignty, while the central government was but a miniscule of figurative government.

In effect, it wasn't until Shays Rebellion that Washington, among other notables of the Founding Fathers, were to realize the impracticalness of the Confederate government.

Prelude To Internal Rebellion

Despite the power of a strong central government that would lead a union of the individual states, the newly-formed government was a stepping stone toward the future greatness of our country.

In the words of E. Benjamin Andrews, president of Brown University, "The adoption of the Articles of Confederation was a forward step in American public law."

Although the Confederation was a beginning for the newly-organized states, what was to follow in the form of local rebellion, proved that a stronger central government was necessary if the United States were to succeed.

In effect, all of Europe was carefully watching our nation following its successful victory over the mother country. Indeed, all of Europe was waiting for the young upstart nation to fall flat on its face! And so it would seem via the newly-formed government under the Articles of Confederation.

With the close of the Revolution and under the Articles of Confederation, each of the newly-established states proceeded to carry on business pretty much according to their particular idiosyncrasies. To be sure, the phrase "Not worth a Continental" truly applied to the monetary conditions of the people of the new nation since the earlier paper money wasn't worth the paper upon which it was printed!

Nor could the federal government do much to correct the situation as it must rely upon each of the states to provide financial assistance to the central authority (and this was simply not to be).

Many of the Yankee farmers returned to the family homestead following the war only to discover the local tax collector pounding at the door to claim back taxes. And the payment must be in hard money!

The burden was especially hard on the Massachusetts farmers, and, in time, more and more farmers went the route of foreclosure or faced imprisonment for failure to pay back taxes and debts.

But these Yankee patriot farmers were not to be subjected to the tyranny they had recently resented in the mother country. Accordingly, it was just a matter of time before these irate farmers were to organize and take action of their own.

Shays Rebellion

Finally, in the year 1786, open rebellion broke out in Massachusetts and bands of angry farmers mustered together under the common flag of justice. As their leader these insurgents chose Daniel Shays, who was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, in 1747.

During the Revolution, Shays had been a member of Woodbridge's Regiment during the battle of Bunker Hill. At a later date, he was promoted from the rank of ensign to that of captain in the Continental Army.

Presumably, Dan Shays had been wounded at one time during the war. Following his discharge from service, Shays relocated in the town of Pelham (Prescott) and during the time period (1786-1787), he acted as the insurgent leader of the Western Massachusetts farmers who finally took action against the state.

According to "The Century Cyclopedia of Names" edited by Benjamin E. Smith, 1894, the rebellious farmers had more than a single complaint against the state, including "the governor's salary was too high; that the state senate was aristocratic; the lawyers were too extortionate; taxes were too burdensome; and the principle remedy demanded was a large issue of paper money."

The general threat of Shays' army was originally directed toward the sessions of the local courts or against those who would attempt to collect taxes.

However, in December of 1786, Shays, with about 1,000 men attempted to prevent the opening session of the Supreme Court in Springfield, only to withdraw their intentions at the approach of a strong militia force. But once again, Shays' men were to attempt to seize the arsenal in Springfield under a three force army, the largest of which was Shays' group, which numbered about 1,000 strong.

There were two other factions of Shays' general army to meet with him at the arsenal: those of Luke Day of West Springfield and Eli Parsons.

Apparently, Parsons' contingent did meet with Shays as planned, but according to the Agawam Town History by Edith LaFrancis, Luke Day himself was talked out of joining forces with the insurgents by strong pressure from the Reverend Lathrop.

In any event, West Springfield's Luke Day never did appear on the scene nor did he assist in Shays' attempt to take the armory!

Shays' final efforts were routed by the appearance of 4,000 men under the command of General Benjamin Lincoln under orders from Boston.

There seems to be some question by earlier accounts of the incident at the federal armory if Lincoln was indeed present, or if he arrived at a later date.

Some accounts state that General William Shepard of Westfield led the local militia against Shays' forces on that day.

According to Edith LaFrancis' account: "The Militia arrived led by General Shepard and Colonel Samuel Flower and when Shays' men refused to disperse, shots were fired to right and left of the rebels and then into the ranks."

Until future research can attest to this account being otherwise, we are willing to abide by Mrs. LaFrancis' decision! Upon this premise, we can presume that as some historical accounts state, General Lincoln arrived some time (several days?) following Shays' rout at the federal arsenal, and that Lincoln proceeded to follow in the rear of the retreating insurgents, thereby capturing a number of them at or about Petersham.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 15th
Little League Fundraising Dance
Polish American Club - Feeding Hills
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 15th
Oldies Dance
Italian Sporting Club
8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Monday, February 17th
Catholic Women's Club
St. John's Parish Center
8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th
Card Party
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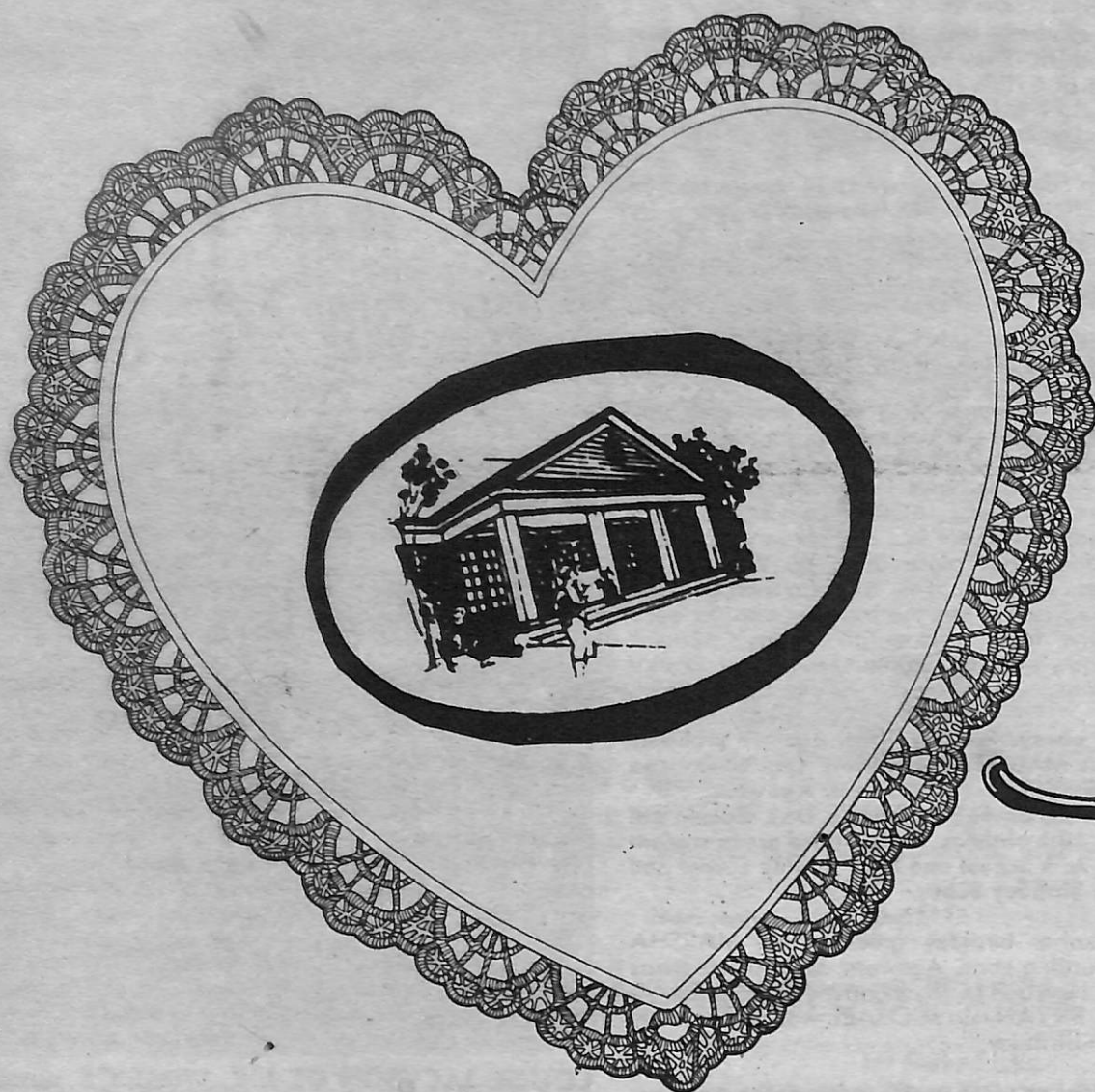
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MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoin

Congratulations go out to LIL & TONY MARTIGNETTI of 61 Giffin Place on their 70th birthdays.

Lil reached her 70th birthday, February 5th while Tony will have to wait until February 19th. So Tony has two weeks to boast about being younger than his wife (which he does every year).

A dinner party was held in their honor at DaVinci's Restaurant, Saturday, February 8th, by their son and daughter-in-law, RONALD & PAT MARTIGNETTI, as well as their daughter, CORINNE ROBERTS. Many of their relatives attended the party. Happy birthday Lil and Tony! We wish you both continued health and many more birthdays to come.

February 2nd was Ground Hog Day and it was also the first birthday of twins KARA and COURTNEY HANKS.

They are the daughters of MARC & DEBBIE HANKS of High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills. One of the ways they celebrated their first birthday was taking a trip, with their parents, to see their grandparents, DR. & MRS. WEBER. After their return, they had a second birthday party with their other grandparents, FRED & SHIRLEY HANKS of Southwick.

Happy birthday, girls.

Congratulations go to nine year-old BETH LACIENSKI of 268 South West Street. Beth competed in her first gymnastics meet on Saturday, February 8th, in Clinton, MA. Beth did very well in all four of her events and received a silver medal for her second place finish in the meet. Beth takes gymnastics lessons at the Springfield Turnverein. She is the daughter of DAN & LEE LACIENSKI.

Anniversary wishes from family and friends are be-

ing sent to ERNIE & GAIL BUTLER of Line Street, Feeding Hills.

They will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on February 15th. They have a daughter, MICHELLE BLAIR of Feeding Hills and two grandsons, MICHAEL and PATRICK PISANO.

Congratulations, Ernie and Gail.

Along with celebrating his wedding anniversary on the 15th — ERNIE BLAIR will turn another year older on February 16th.

His mother, EVELYN BLAIR and the rest of his family would like to say "happy birthday."

Congratulations to JAMES QUINN of Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

He was given a surprise party by his family on Sunday, February 2nd, at the home of his son, BILL.

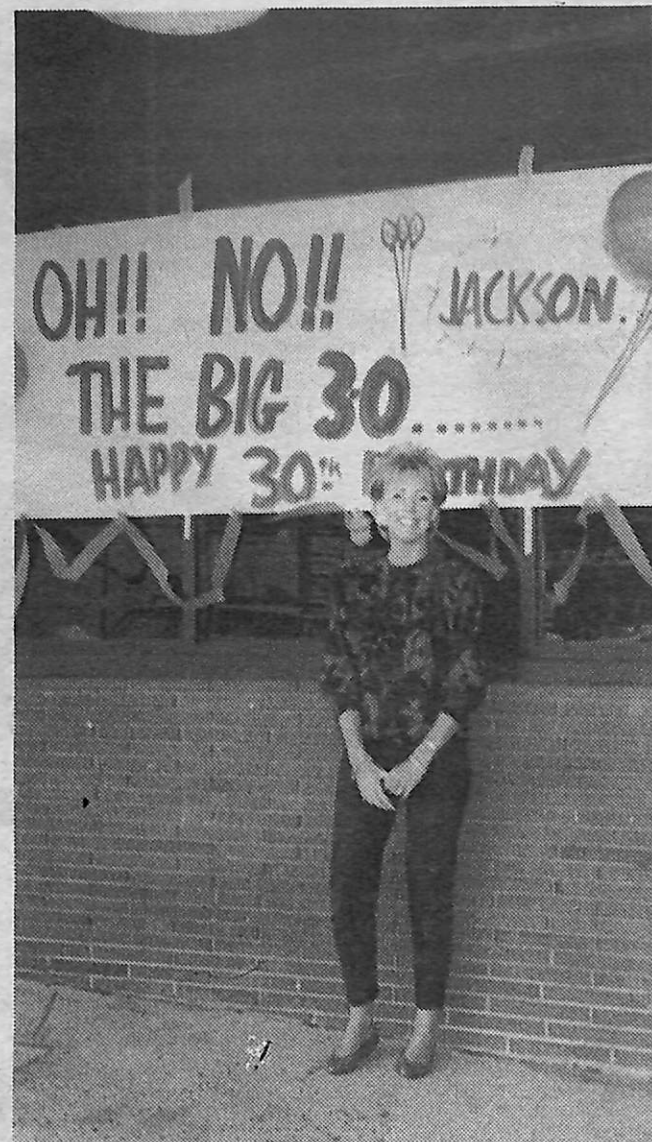
Agawam Advertiser News Friends and Neighbors would like to wish LOUISE JACKSON a happy 30th birthday (belated). This event was on February 4th and a little celebration took place at J. W. Wimpy's on Walnut Street, Agawam. This birthday person must have been surprised to see the big sign and balloons decorating the front window of Wimpy's. Louise manages Wimpy's and is a familiar face at the popular local restaurant.

"You will always be 'My Valentine' is probably what LYNDA MAGISTRI says every year to her son BOBBY MAGISTRI of Walnut Street, Agawam.

Why? Because on St. Valentine's Day, Bobby will celebrate his 10th birthday. He is a third grade student at Robinson Park School and likes to play soccer and bowl. Happy birthday Bobby.

Here's another birthday greeting for MARSHA PERRY of Hunting Lane, Agawam. Her birthday was on February 12th and her husband WAYNE and sons WAYNE JR., BRYAN and MICHAEL would like to say "Happy 40th Birthday."

Happy Valentine's Day to all readers of the Agawam Advertiser Friends and Neighbors column.



LOUISE JACKSON OF J.W. WIMPY'S turned 30 last week and the staff wouldn't let her forget it.

For copies of photos appearing in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053!

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MASS.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on March 3rd, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 790 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. on the application of Diesel Fuel & Gasoline Gas Storage Permit for a license to keep, store for personal use or resale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 6,000 gallons at Witch Equipment of New England, Inc., 467 Silver Street in the Town of Agawam, Mass.

Richard M. Theroux
Town Clerk

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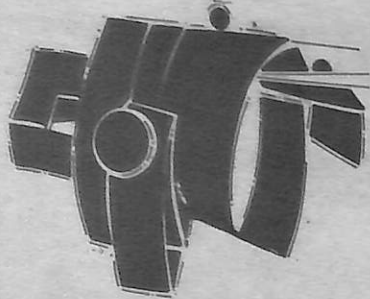
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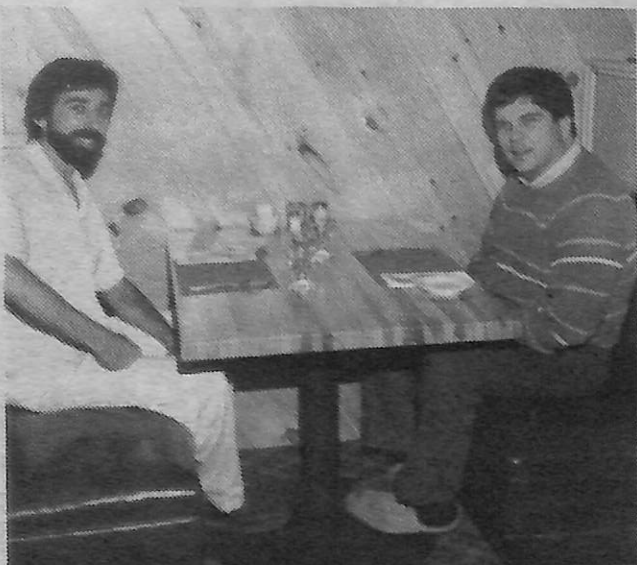


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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS...



TAVERN INN partners Paul Gallerani (left) and John Bonavita take timeout to relax before a busy lunch period. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF TAVERN INN: Back row, from left - John O'Marra, Gary Folves, Robert Zygarowski, D.J. Lamanis, and Michael Lomascolo. Front row - Dale Provost, Nancy Stanfield, Betty Waterhouse, Cheryl Saville, Nancy McGough, and Kristin Bulsiewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Tavern Inn & John Bonavita Going Long Way

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

One of Springfield's "in" places is the Tavern Inn on the corner of West Columbus and West Gardner Streets. It is owned by John Bonavita, who has lived in Agawam most of his life, and Paul Gallerani, who lives in Springfield with his wife, Laurie, and baby, Maria.

The restaurant and bar reflects the philosophy of Bonavita and Gallerani. It's unpretentious and enjoyable. Bonavita explained, "We try to make people feel warm and comfortable. We want them to be relaxed." Gallerani added, "Our purpose is to make people happy with good food, good times, all at a good price."

A "Slam-Dunk" Of Fate

The Tavern Inn may not have been if it wasn't for a "slam-dunk" of fate. Bonavita had owned the former Pub 91 on West Wilcox Street. When the City of Springfield took property in that area by eminent domain to relocate the Basketball Hall of Fame, he was faced with the decision to move or go out of business. Bonavita said, "I started searching for a location along the riverfront because I thought it was the place to be."

"This place was just too large for a bar and luncheon business like the Pub 91 was, so I thought it best to look for someone to come in with me," he said. Bonavita found Gallerani and a partnership began.

Bonavita commented, "We operated the business for just over two years without being geared up as a full restaurant. In July 1985, we started renovation." Gallerani added, "We began with a simple menu then built our way up. At one point we had 15 specials every night and we worked out of a small 12x14 foot kitchen."

In January, the business closed and reopened the 21st, completely refurbished. It now has two dining rooms that will accommodate 100 people, unlike the previous seating capacity of 48. Bonavita also remodeled the lounge. He said, "We have improved the aesthetics, acoustics, and parking. It didn't take a

genius to realize things had to be done over for our customers."

Gallerani continued, "We tried to make Tavern Inn nice for our customers, but we also wanted to improve working conditions for the employees."

Gallerani, who serves as chief chef, designed the kitchen which is three times larger now than it was before. He said, "It's the first kitchen I've ever designed to my liking. Everything is set up for the way I cook."

Tavern Inn will also boast "dining under the stars" on the outside patio. When the weather permits, tables with umbrellas in a garden atmosphere will be an extra dining delight.

Bonavita and Gallerani did the decor themselves. Bonavita said, "We wanted to make it cozy. It seems to have worked. There is a good cross-section of clientele that keeps the restaurant full. People are welcome to come dressed formally or casually."

Commenting about the employees, Susan Amabile, an Agawam resident who works part-time as a hostess, said, "The employees are not treated like fixtures, they're treated like people." This helps explain why there is not much of a turnover in personnel. As part-time waitress Lisa Trimboli of Agawam explained, "The employees just stay on and on." This gives the customers greater continuity of service.

Even though Tavern Inn is located in Springfield, Bonavita hasn't forgotten his hometown. Most of the employees are from Agawam. Besides Susan and Lisa, there is Matt Barker, Theresa Nicholson, Julie Turrini, Joe Madzelewski and Jeff and John Martin.

Mrs. Bonavita, John's mom, and Harry Gallerani, Paul's dad, also help out and do a number of different tasks that help keep the business running smoothly.

Will Cook Anything The Customers Want

In keeping with Bonavita and Gallerani's hope of

making people happy and comfortable, Gallerani said, "We are kind of an Italian restaurant, but I will cook anything our customers want. I can also prepare French, German, Polish, you name it. If Chateau Briand or Baked Stuffed Lobster is what people want, we'll make it for them."

Gallerani suggests that if a customer prefers something special, they can request that item when they make their reservations. That way all the necessary ingredients will be on hand.

Gallerani has been cooking for 15 years. He said, "I started as a dishwasher and worked my way up. I'm self-taught. I have worked under a couple of good chefs and I did a lot by myself."

This self-made chef has appeared on the former "Kitty Today Show" where he made shrimp scampi and soupy clams. He has also done cooking shows at Steigers.

Bonavita started out majoring in Political Science at AIC. Twelve years ago, he began bartending at different clubs and decided he liked it.

Bonavita's love of sports, and people, is made evident through his sponsorship of many athletic teams. In Agawam, he sponsors three softball teams: The Tavern Inn mens' A and mens' B, and an Over-35 League, including members Joe Modzelewski, Howie Murphy, Jerry Smith, Jimmy Crean and Dicky Dilullo.

In Springfield, he sponsors two women's softball teams and his own bowling team in Springfield Automotive League. In West Springfield, he sponsors the Tavern Inn hockey team.

Bonavita is a 1974 graduate of Agawam High School.

Ms. Trimboli summed things up well when she said, "99 percent of all our customers come back. I think they're spoiled by the good food and good service. We're here for people."

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Westfield Savings Bank Names Grand Prize Winner

Westfield Savings Bank has announced the grand prize winner of the recent Easy Access 24 contest.

Sharon Richardson of 115 Mort Vining Road in Southwick was awarded the grand prize of \$500. Her name was selected in a random drawing of all contest entries.

During the seven-week Easy Access 24 promotion, the bank presented twelve \$50 prizes in addition to the \$500 grand prize, said ATM coordinator Gina Nicora. Bank customers were encouraged to deposit their Easy Access 24 transaction receipts in contest entry boxes set up in the bank's lobbies.

The contest was conducted to introduce Westfield Savings Bank customers to the new automatic teller service at the bank. Easy Access 24 machines are located at 141 Elm Street, Westfield; 206 Park Street, West Springfield; and 655 Main Street, Agawam.



LISA A. KAMYK & ROBERT W. JOHNSON

Lisa Ann Kamyk Engaged To Robert W. Johnson Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kamyk of 71 Woodside Drive, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann to Mr. Robert W. Johnson Jr. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson of 25 Valentine Terrace, Agawam.

Miss Kamyk graduated from Agawam High School and the College of Our Lady of the Elms with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. She is presently employed as a chemist at Graph Coat Inc., Holyoke.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Agawam High School and Western New England College. He is employed as general manager of B & D Petroleum Sales, Inc., Agawam.

A November 15th wedding is planned.

SHAYS REVOLT From Page 12...

At this point in time, we should strongly recommend to our readers that they seek further enlightenment in their efforts to discover the "truth" of the matter, since so much of history is too often based on the author's personal convictions! In words to this effect: "Seek and ye shall find."

According to the records, three men were killed and a fourth wounded before Shays' army was forced to retreat toward Petersham where Lincoln again routed the insurgents, while capturing 150 men of Shays' rebellious force.

The remainder of Shays' men scattered northward to New Hampshire or Vermont, while others headed south toward the sanctity of Rhode Island. Eventually, all of the insurgents were pardoned and Daniel Shays lived out the remainder of his life in Sparta, New York. It is interesting to note that in his later years, Shays did receive a government pension for services rendered during the Revolution.



WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK ATM Coordinator Gina Nicora (left) awards the \$500 grand prize check to Sharon Richardson of Southwick, the winner of the bank's "Easy Access" 24 Contest.

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Heritage Hall News, Weekly Briefs

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Senator Melconian Talks With Heritage Hall Residents

State Senator Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) gave an informative lecture at Heritage Hall, Friday, February 7th. Topics of discussion covered subjects such as a typical day in the life of a senator, the legislature, and issues facing the elderly today.

Towards the end of the seminar, Senator Melconian opened the floor to questions. Residents took advantage of this opportunity and they asked a variety of questions that related to the topics presented.

Residents expressed that this vital exchange of information was both beneficial and interesting.

In closing, Senator Melconian told residents they were fortunate to live at Heritage Hall.

This lecture is just one of many that Senator Melconian will be presenting, as part of the on-going educational program at Heritage Hall.

Creative Writing Course

A Creative Writing Course is underway for residents at Heritage Hall.

Instructor Millicent Barnard, RN, staff person, and volunteer is unleashing the creative talents of the residents. Residents are enthusiastic about the Creative Writing Course and have sharpened their pencils in anticipation of this exciting new course.

Monday Afternoon At The Movies

Mondays are Theatre Days for Heritage Hall residents. All-time classic movies are presented every Monday on a video cassette recorder given to the residents as a Christmas gift.

So far, residents have enjoyed famous films such as *Going My Way*, starring Bing Crosby, and the musical *Finian's Rainbow*, starring Fred Astaire.

Future plans for the new VCR include taping television travelogue shows, discussion, and health and fitness programs for residents to view and critique. The possibilities for VCR activity programs seem endless.

There's A Profit In My Soup!

Residents of Heritage Hall took a swipe at cold weather on Friday, January 31st, as they sponsored a "Soup Day."

The aroma of cream of broccoli and minestrone soup permeated the hallways, inviting the staff to delight in a cup of hot steaming soup.

The sale proved profitable and residents are considering sponsoring other "Soup Days" on a quarterly basis.

A special thanks to the Dietary Department for their culinary talents, to the staff for their support, and to residents Agnes Berry, Annette Bear, and Winnie Coyne, along with volunteer Gladys Najhillo, who supervised the sale.

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK: Helen Burke

Born and raised in Shelburne, Vermont, Helen Burke went on to college to pursue a career in teaching.



ENJOYING THE HERITAGE HALL "Resident-Family Brunch," Sunday, February 9th, are, from left - Joyce Granes, Kay Babcock, Elaine Ralandini, Fran O'Connell, and Gerry Eller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

She continued to teach until "Cupid shot his arrow," bringing Stanley Burke into her life.

An outdoors enthusiast, Helen spends most of her time walking Daisy, their Heritage Hall mascot.

In addition to being a nature lover, Helen enjoys being actively involved in Heritage Hall activities such as serving as a member of Resident Council, several committees, and acting as a resident volunteer.

Congratulations for being "Resident of the Week!"

Encore! Encore!

Dancers toe tapped their way into the hearts of the residents as they performed at a Valentine's Day celebration.

The young "Gene Kellys" are students from the Grace Fenton School of Dance.

The residents enjoyed their performance and are looking forward to having them back.

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HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT Alice Southworth enjoys breakfast with her brother, Eugene Southworth, at the Heritage Hall West "Resident-Family Brunch, Sunday, February 9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

HERITAGE HALL - From Page 18...

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the clergy of St. John's for performing Ash Wednesday services for the residents of Heritage Hall. Also, thank you to Alice Fiorentino, a hairdresser at Heritage Hall. She has expressed her love and admiration for the residents by donating a variety of Valentine's creations. Alice's special gifts and talents have shown the real meaning of Valentine's Day. Happy Valentine's Day, Alice.

 Townsfolk turn our pages every week for all the hometown news - AAN!

Granville Quilt Guild Slates February 18th Meeting

The Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18th, at the Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall, Route 189.

The February and March meeting programs will consist of many mini-workshops for members to choose from. Among the courses offered will be basketweaving, scrap bag dolls, miniature "house" patchwork, stenciling, doily hat potpourri, applique hearts, and charm quilts. Members will be contacted by phone to determine their course choices and materials to bring.

Guild members meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Granville Firehouse. This winter the group is making baby quilts and wall-hanging for the Shriners Hospital. All those interested are welcome to participate.

Firewise

by Rusty Jenks - Fire Chief

First Aid For Burns

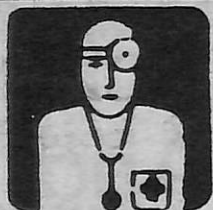
Doing the wrong thing for a burn in the first few seconds and minutes can cause painful and disfiguring consequences. The Agawam Fire Department states that the best first aid for a burn is to cool it with water, cover it with a clean cloth and get medical care immediately. Do not use anything greasy or oily on a burn...no butter, ointments, creams or vaseline. Do not put ice directly on the skin and don't pack a burn victim in ice.

Cooling a burn is essential because skin will continue to burn even after the fire is out or the heat source is removed. If not cooled immediately, the burn will penetrate deeper into the skin layers. The deeper the burn, the more serious it is...the longer it takes to heal, the greater the chance of infection, the greater the need for surgery and the more painful the experience. Cool water should be used to remove the heat; however, don't cool too large a burn — shock may occur. Never use ice to accelerate the cooling process. It is too extreme and might damage the skin further. Putting greasy or oily substances on the burn will hold the heat in and make it worse. In addition, any ointment or grease applied to the burn wound will have to be cleaned off at the hospital or doctor's office and that can be painful.

A burn's seriousness is classified as first, second and third degree, depending on how deeply the skin has been damaged. A first degree burn appears red and sore, but not blistered. If cooled with water promptly, this burn should heal on its own. A second degree burn is blistered and painful. Third degree is white, brown or charred and may appear painless at first. Both second and third degree burns require medical attention. Cool the burn with water, cover with a clean cloth and keep the victim quiet and warm until the rescue squad arrives. Call the rescue squad at 911.

DO NOT TREAT BURNS YOURSELF. You could cause an infection or lose the use of the burned area permanently. If you are burned seriously, ask to be taken to the nearest burn hospital or flown to such a facility. Do not take burns lightly; complications can be fatal.

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Water Safety Course By American Red Cross Set

The West Springfield Recreation Department, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will conduct a Water Safety Instructors Candidate course, Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Monday, February 24th, and concluding April 25th.

Classes will be held at the Sady Pool, located in the West Springfield Senior High School.

Course candidates must be 17-years of age or older, on or before February 24th, and must present a current Red Cross Advance Lifesaving Certificate along with proof of age when registering.

A fee of \$30 for West Springfield residents and \$35 for all non-residents is also required at the time of registration.

Class size is limited to 20 students with registration on a first-come first-serve basis at the West Springfield Recreation Department, located in the Municipal Office Building, 26 Central Street.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Department Office, 781-7550, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Have You Seen Halley's Comet Yet - by Mildred Talmadge

Have you seen it? 1910 or now?

My husband saw it from his bedroom window right here in Suffield in 1910. My son saw it last week with a group in northern Virginia where they had gathered away from city lights. An informant was on hand and also telescopes. He said his binoculars were virtually no help.

In 1910, Halley came closer to the earth than now. In fact, Earth passed through the tail at that time. That is why so many can report having seen it. Many superstitious people predicted the end of the world, and other gullible ones fell for the sale of "anti-comet pills."

In 2052, Halley will not be as near the earth as it was in 1910, but in 2128 it will again come as close as it did in 1910, so hang in there!

Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* is the astronomer's bible. He states that in 1707, Edmund Halley calculated that the comets of 1531, 1607, and 1682 appeared at 76 year intervals and concluded it was the same comet. Thus he predicted its return in 1758. It arrived on time, in fact it was sighted on Christmas night 1758, and was promptly named Comet Halley, posthumously. Halley had died 15 years before.

I have enjoyed a continuing warm contact with my son's college roommate. Astronomy was his minor, since at that time the college did not offer a major, but his young man contributed a great deal to the college Observatory.

Astronomy Course

After acquiring his master's degree, he took a position with a private secondary school back home in St. Louis, Missouri. The astronomy course was new due to Sputnik, which had shaken the very foundation of our scientific research.

Suddenly, educators decided that these programs should be presented to students far younger than they had been up to that time.

So my friend, Charles Schweighauser, tackled the new course for which there was no textbook; so he wrote one. He has sent me two of his books, autographed, and recently a most scholarly pamphlet, *Comet Halley*.

I had him earmarked to head up one of the glamorous tours being offered. Would that I could take one! A recent phone call informed me of what he has been doing. He has been filming a documentary or the Public Television Network.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Mildred Talmadge is a feature writer for the Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News and her musings are a regular feature of the SSAN.

He has interviewed several people who saw Halley's Comet in 1910, and has added helpful background for those who will be seeking it now. He is presently professor of astronomy at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois, and director of the Observatory.

My contact with this young man began when I was back at teachers' college working for my degree. I had gone to my son's college campus during one of my vacation and stayed at the inn. Charlie and another student were grinding a lens for a new, large telescope for the Observatory.

I was in the middle of the astronomy segment of a required Physical Science course, so I was extremely interested in anything he was doing along these lines.

Saturn's Rising

One day he said: "Come on up to the Observatory tonight. We'll be working and I'll set up the telescope for you." That he did and put me on a high stool. Then he said, "This is set for Saturn's rising. If you look, in minutes it will come into view." Sure enough it did at the exact time he stated! I was excited. It was for real!

On the other hand, I had to laugh at myself because I felt a shade of disappointment. It looked exactly like the beautiful photographs in the textbook. I don't know what I expected. That was *then*. What it tells me *now* is that if, perchance, some of us are unable to see Halley's Comet for real out there, the view on television may be almost as satisfying. Viewers didn't have that alternative in 1910.

The following is quoted from Charlie's pamphlet: By the end of **February**, Comet Halley will emerge on the other side of the sun (west) and be visible in the early morning sky. The tail should be long and the head fairly bright.

In **March**, still in the morning sky, the tail should reach its maximum length — approximately one-ninth the way across the sky, now in the southeastern sky.

He also warns: "Try to aim for a time when there is little or no moon."

I loved my son's comment after telling me about his sighting: "So now that's done." I presume he may have been thinking, "I can tell my grandchildren I saw it."

His daughters stand a good chance of seeing Comet Halley twice in their life span. Thus, it is that the inhabitants of the Universe maintain their orderly schedule. I wish Earthlings could do as well.

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MICHAEL J. DALY

Michael J. Daly Named As Bank Of N.E. West Director

C. D. Harrington, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Bank of New England West, has announced the election of Michael J. Daly of Longmeadow to the board of directors.

Daly is president and chief executive officer of Bay State Medical Center, Inc., and president of the parent organization, Bay State Health System, Inc.

He is the 1986 United Way General Campaign chairman and is a director of the United Way of Pioneer Valley, Inc.

Daly also serves as a director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Springfield Central Business District, Inc., and is the president of the New England Hospital and Health Foundation.

He received his B.A. degree from Trinity College in 1963 and was awarded a master's degree in health administration in 1970 from the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Daly and his wife, Judith, reside in Longmeadow.

Sacred Heart Church Sponsors Card Party

Plan your fun evening now. The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a card party, Thursday, February 20th, at the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and many door prizes will be given away. Proceeds will be used for scholarships to seniors of the CCD program who are planning to continue their education.

The donation is only \$2 for a most enjoyable evening.

Kenneth Chapman Continues To Serve Cancer Society

Kenneth Chapman, Precinct V Captain of the Agawam Chapter of the American Cancer Society, has served the society for six years. His continued dedication to this cause is one of a personal nature. Ken lives with his wife, Kay, and children, Tim, Marion, and mother-in-law, Rosemarie Barbieri, in a quiet section of Agawam.

Each year, when asked if he will continue as a precinct captain, he replies, "Yes." Hopefully, what I contribute in time and effort will someday help to find a cure for cancer. More people should get involved. It doesn't take much time to collect or call people, and it certainly helps a great cause."

Agawam Cancer Society Lists Pool Of Volunteers

The American Cancer Society lists the volunteers who will handle the town of Agawam.

Crusade chairwoman Ruth Zucco, her 25th year as chairwoman; House to House chairwoman, Mary Leahy; Special Gifts, Paula Rodier; Business And Industries, John Beltrandi III; Special Events, Wilma Gillan; and Bar Bucks, Dominick Candido.

Also, Publicity, Susan Nardi; Photography, John Devine; Clubs And Organizations, Pat Demers; Banks, Michael Oleksak of Westfield Savings and Ellen Bellows of Westbank. Working the precincts as captains are Precinct I - Ruby Hendricks; Precinct II - June

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AGAWAM CANCER CRUSADE chairwoman Ruth Zucco with longtime volunteer Kenneth Chapman.

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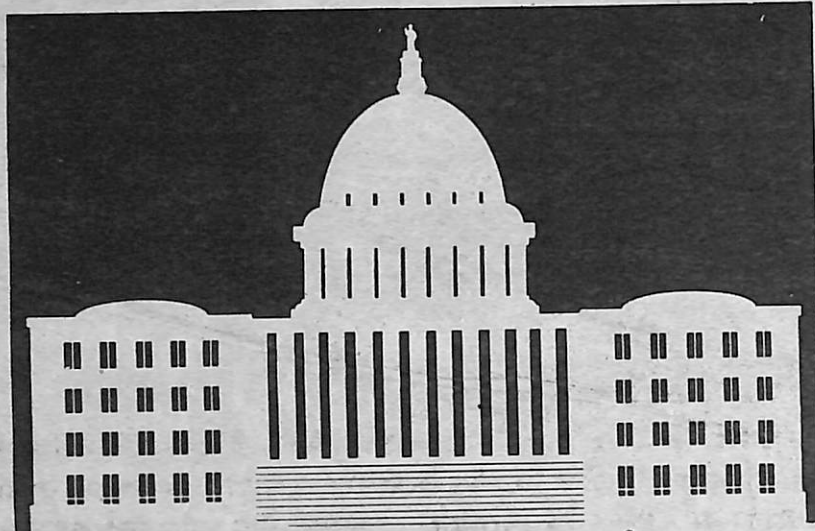
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UNICO Prepares For Dinner

Agawam UNICO will hold its 24 Annual Macaroni & Meatball Supper, Sunday, March 2nd, at Agawam High School.

There will be continuous servings from noontime to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are again reasonably priced at \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

Tickets can be obtained by calling ticket chairman **Richard DiLullo** at 786-0966, or by calling any member of the club, including event co-chairmen **Frank Chriscola**, 786-1225, or **Charles Calabrese**, 786-4303.

These local businesses also have tickets for the event: **Gino's Package Store**, **Malone Farm & Garden Center**, and **Mutti's Service Station**.

Proceeds will benefit mental health, retarded children, local scholarships, special education, and many other community charities.

Take-outs will be available and containers will be furnished.

Former UNICO President **Paul Ferrarini** is handling publicity for the event.



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS FRANK CHRISCOLA (left) and **CHARLES CALABRESE** are co-chairing the 24th Annual UNICO Macaroni & Meatball Supper, Sunday, March 2nd, at the **Agawam High School**. Advertiser News photo by

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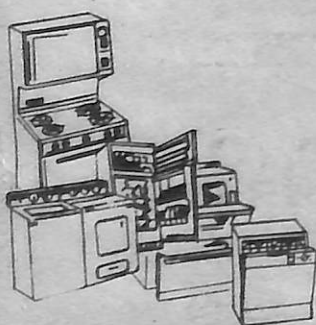
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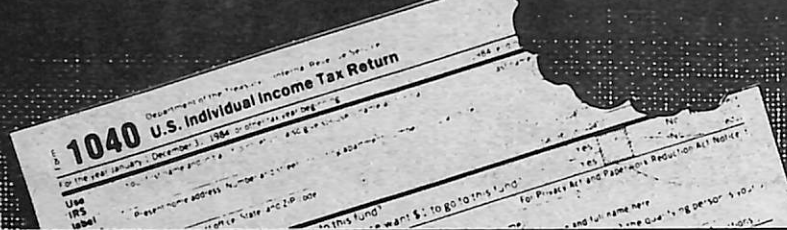
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Schools

H.A.P.P.E. Committee Continues Fund Drive

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

"Better than expected; we've come a long way," is how Handicap Awareness Program Promoting Education (H.A.P.P.E.) committee chairwoman Nancy Melbourne describes the progress made to date, with fundraising goals aimed at purchasing "The Kids On The Block" puppets.

Created in 1978, "The Kids On The Block" are a group of disabled and non-disabled puppets designed to teach youngsters in grades K-6 what it is like to be handicapped in a non-threatening, entertaining, and educational manner. Through regular classroom use, students come to understand rather than ridicule disabled persons.

Mrs. Melbourne reports that \$6,000 is needed to purchase the puppets which will be permanently housed in the special services department office at the junior high school.

She explains that in order to take advantage of a \$1,500 price reduction, the entourage of puppets was ordered in January. Although the committee has posted a March 1st deadline for donations, that date is actually when the first payment is due and does not affect the program's continuance.

Intensified Fundraising

"I've received many telephone inquiries asking if the program will continue if we fail to reach our goal by March 1st. We most definitely will continue. However, it may be necessary to introduce a new intensified phase of fundraising after that date," she notes.

Mrs. Melbourne happily relates that she now has firm commitments to the program from each of the town's four elementary schools as well as the middle school.

Moreover, H.A.P.P.E. committee members have mailed many donation requests to local businesses, clubs, and civic organizations.

According to her, pledges have been secured from both the Agawam Jaycees and Agawam Athletic Association to sponsor fundraising events prior to the March 1st deadline.

"Most local businesses and organizations have been

verbally supportive of our fundraising campaign. However, due to varying monthly meeting dates, monetary support has been slow in coming," comments Mrs. Melbourne.

The committee chairwoman points out that four new puppets have been incorporated into "The Kids On The Block" program. Aimed at students at the middle school level, the four puppets, which are larger and older in appearance, focus on the problems of spinal bifida, lack of self-confidence, and substance abuse.

Mrs. Melbourne notes that Clark and Phelps elementary schools as well as the middle school will initiate the puppet program this year.

She is hopeful that members of the community will come forth and volunteer their time to assist this worthwhile program.

"Eventually, we would like to draw more community volunteers into the program rather than relying solely on school P.T.O. groups. In this way, the program will become more of a permanent town project," states Mrs. Melbourne.

Resource Materials

Moreover, the H.A.P.P.E. committee envisions someday establishing a "Kids On The Block" library of resource and awareness material which would accompany the puppets from school to school. Presently, all resource materials must be borrowed from the Springfield Library.

Mrs. Melbourne relates that she plans to attend the February 25th breakfast meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce in hopes of gaining further financial support for the puppet program.

She states that she and her fellow committee members are especially grateful for the full support and cooperation of the Agawam School Committee, Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, Jr., and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest.

As a means of further expressing their gratitude to those who have supported the program, a reception is tentatively being planned for the conclusion of the fundraising campaign.

Word Processing Workshop Offered By HCC

The Division of Continuing Education at Holyoke Community College is offering a Word Processing Workshop designed to develop basic skills in word processing.

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For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education, 538-7000, extension 244.

Melissa J. Ludemann Named To Hartwick College Honors

Melissa J. Ludemann, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John G. Ludemann of Agawam, was one of 22 students participating in a Hartwick College January Term program in New York City. The New York program is one of several off-campus programs sponsored by Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York.

The group, led by Professors Thurston Dox, Janet Bresee, and Sam Goodyear, studied various aspects of art in the city, such as music, dance, and theatre.

Hartwick College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts institution of 1,400 students. It is located in the Catskill Mountain region of New York State.



AGAWAM STUDENTS SUPPORTING the H.A.P.P.E. Committee's window drawing at the Agawam Food Mart are students, from left - Sheri Bednarzyk, Tracy Hayes, Nancy Bazanchuk, Jennifer Hayes, and Christopher Bednarzyk. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Language Teaching To End For Mrs. Ryer

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Travel, rest, and relaxation will soon become routine for Agawam Junior High School language teacher Hasmig "Kelly" Ryer upon her retirement from the Agawam School System August 31st.

Mrs. Ryer, an educator for the past 28 years, explains that her decision to retire was based on a desire to travel extensively with her husband Eugene who retired last year.

Hired in 1957 to teach both English and French at Agawam High School, Mrs. Ryer graduated from Boston University where she majored in romance languages.

Prior to her 15 year affiliation with AHS, she taught for a year at Somerville Junior High School in Somerville, Connecticut, and a year at Wrentham High School in Wrentham, Massachusetts.

A native of Foxboro, she relocated to the western part of the state after meeting her first husband, the late Mr. Balsewicz.

Mrs. Ryer recalls that, initially, her attempt to be hired by area school systems was futile since policy at that time was unfavorable for hiring married women. However, in 1956, she placed her name on the town's substitute teacher list and a year later was asked to fill a vacated full-time position.

Solely A Language Teacher

Since her degree included a minor in physical education, Mrs. Ryer taught two physical education classes as well as French and English until 1971, when she became solely a language teacher.

"Foreign languages have been basically my life. Ever since I took my first language course in high school, I knew that I wanted my career to include working with foreign languages in some capacity," she remarks.

Mrs. Ryer relates that during her post World War II college days, there were few opportunities available for college graduates majoring in languages. Consequently, teaching was the career most chose to pursue.

"Unlike today when language majors are in great demand by business and industry, few positions were available due to an abundance of returning servicemen who were fluent in several languages. Although teaching was the only option open to me at the time, it was a decision I've never regretted making," she states.

Mrs. Ryer says that today exciting career opportunities in fields such as hotel management, government appointments, cruise ship positions, medicine, insurance, and law are available to language majors.

The veteran educator, who began teaching at the junior high when it opened in 1972, says that although she misses her former colleagues at the senior high, she has enjoyed working with younger students.

However, she points out that students have changed a great deal throughout the years.

According to Mrs. Ryer, today's students are not as polite or conscientious as those 20 years ago.

The foreign language curriculum is another area in which she has witnessed several changes during her lengthy career. She notes that in the past, French was the predominate language, whereas today, Spanish is "numero uno."

Variety of Resource Materials

Moreover, a greater variety of resource materials such as tapes, workbooks, and filmstrips are available for student use.

"Due to a variety of highly-accessible resource materials, students are more knowledgeable of foreign languages. In-depth studies of cultures and customs also opens up the world to them," she explains.

The only thing Mrs. Ryer would like to see changed in the language department is smaller class size.

"In order for language classes to be effective, they must be small — 18 students or less. In this way, a teacher not only is able to cover the material more thoroughly, but also is able to devote more attention to students experiencing difficulties. There is no way a language can be taught properly to classes of 30 pupils," she declares.

Mrs. Ryer confides that if there was one thing that she would have done differently in her career, it would have been to study a wider variety of languages. Of the four languages in which she is fluent, French is her favorite.

When not traveling, Mrs. Ryer states that she will keep busy pursuing her hobbies of golf and knitting. The Ryers also anticipate spending more time with their six children and five grandchildren.

"Besides my fellow colleagues and students, perhaps what I'll miss most is the excitement that comes from teaching. It's going to be a very big change for me," she states.



VETERAN AGAWAM HIGH School teacher Hasmig "Kelly" Ryer will be retiring from the Agawam School System on August 31st, 1986. Mrs. Ryer has been an educator for the past 28 years and began at the Agawam High School as an English and French teacher before being named a language teacher. She hopes travel and more golf will be in her retirement plans. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Class Of 1936 Plans For 50th Reunion

Members of the Agawam High School Class of 1936 met recently to plan for a 50th class reunion.

A preliminary reminder card was sent to each member of the class in July 1985. An informative letter and questionnaire form will be sent out this month in an effort to compile information for the souvenir booklet which will be given to each class member.

The event is scheduled to be held Saturday, June 7th, 1986, at DaVinci's Regency Room, Feeding Hills.

The committee would appreciate help in locating David (Bear) Grimaldi or (Grinnell), and June & Aaron Whitlock. Anyone having any information should please contact any of the committee which is composed of James Devecchi, chairman; Vincent Gallerani, Madeline (Conte) Gibson, Ethel (Smith) Gibson, Catherine (Shaer) Keefe, Doris (Rouillard) Catchepaugh, Anna (Massa) Schneider, and Carolyn (D'Amato) Capitanio.

Local Pupils Make Honors At Elms Col.

Sister Maxyne D. Schneider, academic dean of Elms College, has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1985-1986 academic year.

The Agawam students are Deborah Morassi, 550 Cooper Street, and Elizabeth A. Teahan, 55 Florida Drive.

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Come out and play
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Philip vonHollander

Hey it's Valentine's Day
Don't make me sad
Be a friend of mine
And make me glad!

Todd Godfrey

What Valentine's Day Means To Me
Hearts are red.
Cupids are dancing around in my head.
Candy is sweet and so good to eat.

Jill Pavelczyk

Valentine to me
Is nice to see
Sharing your feelings
To girls so appealing
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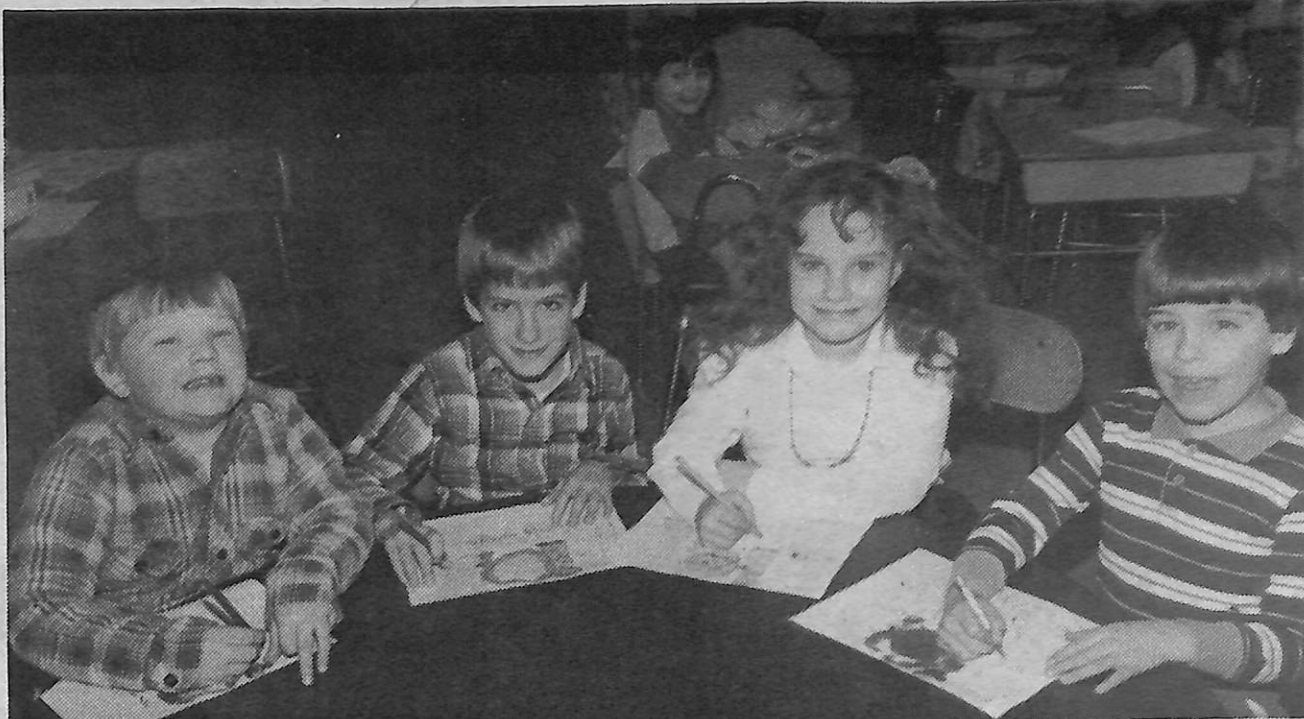
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Valentine's Day is nice. We give cards to people that
we love like Mommy and Dad. It makes me feel glad.

Jill Lungarini

Please have a heart
Be my valentine and
We will never part!

Carmine Keane

Valentine Kitten

Kitten, kitten
You're so sweet
Come and share my valentine treat.
If you do, it will really be neat
Kitten, kitten you're so sweet.

Paula Flebotte

Cupid is sweet
So sit in your seat!
Teachers are sweet
And they are neat.

Melissa Troie

Valentine's Day is a time to share and care.
You better beware, Cupid's there!

Christopher Bitzas

I love you a lot
And I love you so,
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Wednesday, February 26th: Spaghetti in meat sauce, buttered green beans, Italian bread and butter, blueberry cake with icing, milk.

Thursday, February 27th: Oven roasted turkey, gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, cranberry sauce, white cake with cherry topping, milk.

Friday, February 28th: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, oven roast potatoes, raw vegetable sticks, peanut butter cookies, milk.

LPN Applications Being Taken At WMass. Hospital

Applications for September 1986 admission to the practical nursing program at the Western Massachusetts Hospital School for Practical Nurses are being accepted.

The deadline for applications is March 1st.

The program is 46 weeks, which includes a two-week vacation.

The course prepares students to provide basic hands-on nursing care. At its completion and after passing the State Board Examination, graduates become licensed practical nurses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The school, located on East Mountain Road, Westfield, has graduated almost 1,000 students. Last year, the 35th anniversary of the school, graduates received the highest average score of all Massachusetts schools.

Opportunities for employment of LPNs exist in chronic care facilities, nursing homes, HMOs, medical pools, private duty, and in the community.

Those interested in more information should write Director, Western Massachusetts Hospital School for Practical Nurses, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA, 01085.

Joanne Mason Attains Dean's List Honors At Hofstra

Joanne Mason, daughter of Barbara & Bob Mason of 88 Doane Avenue, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York.

Miss Mason completed the term with a 3.7 average. A 1985 graduate of Agawam High School, she is majoring in communications/journalism.

KIDS' KORNER - From Page 29...

Today is the day everybody loves.
Like all the stars up above.

Vanessa Greco

Valentine's Day is the day to tell your friends,
I hope our friendship never ends.

Nicole Beaulieu

You are special,
You are mine,
Won't you be my Valentine!

Bryan Menard

I would like to make a big red heart,
For my special friend, Bart.
He would be so kind,
If he would be my Valentine.

Lisa Gallerani

Grade 2, Room 9 Teacher: Mrs. Marjorie Greenough

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you.
I hope you get a card or two.
I hope you have lots of fun,
And you get cards from everyone.

Justin Aldridge

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
My best Valentine
Is a brother like you.
Even when you are naughty
I still love you.
I'll send a special card
With red, white and blue.

Stephanie Biza

May I say
Happy Valentine's Day
To each of you
From the James Clark School.
Flowers and towers aren't
Valentine's for me.
But a hug of joy would certainly be.
If you would be my Valentine
Everything would be fine.

Justin Castighino

Laura J. Lehberger Named To Newbury College Dean's List

Laura J. Lehberger of Feeding Hills, and a canine science major at the Holliston campus, was recently named to Dean's List at Newbury College.

To earn this distinction, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.3.

Valentine's Day means kisses and hugs, candy hearts and flowers, joy and love.

Richard Cross

Jump for joy! Here it comes!
Valentine's Day is on its way.
Candy hearts and other sweets.
Are all ready for Valentine's Day.
Cupids fly so high in the sky.
Bow and arrow sending kisses so high.

Kelly Carmody

On Valentine's Day
I'll be full of joy.
I'll get chocolate hearts and maybe a toy.
I'll say Mom and Dad
If you'll be my Valentine
I'll be glad.

Elliann Dickinson

Valentine's Day is fun.
I love red, do you?
Do you think cupids are cute? I do.

Kelly Liard

I'd like to make
A special Valentine card
With red roses and pictures of hearts
I suppose it wouldn't be hard.
Maybe she'll get a present
I'll give her hugs and kisses
I'll give her my card
And all of my best wishes.

Jason Lietzau

Valentine's Day is near.
The happiest time of the year.
Cupids are hanging on the wall.
I can say I love you all.

Danny Watson

Valentine's Day means to me
A time for sharing and caring
Like a baby Care Bear
Like Love A Lot bearing.

Sarah Platanitis

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Elementary Band List Unveiled

The National Music Educators Association slogan for this year is "Music Brings Us Together," and literally and figuratively, that is just what is happening in the Elementary Band Program this week; pupils enjoy their first experience of playing in a group. (band)

These young people were selected in September to study a band instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or drum), and continued to work diligently at practicing and playing during the ensuing four months.

After passing Musical Achievement Tests and Performance Tests involving all facets of beginning music, including theory and sight reading, Mrs. Sally Lowell, Elementary Band director, is proud to announce the members of the 1986 Agawam Elementary Band. They are as follows:

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL: Sheri Bednarzyk, Laura Bielitz, Kathy Bodman, Cara Carter, Regina Casiello, Lynn Moreau, Susan Nickerson, April Gallant, Andrew Berryman, Jennifer Doe, Raymond Drewnowski, Sarah Nunn, Rebecca St. Peter, Scott Rider, Scott Dintzner, Gregg MacDonald, Bryan Dusza, Edward Lalancette, and Sean Ritter.

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Band pupils will continue class instrumental lessons in schools, now coupled with a band period each week. They are working hard on "getting their act together; for participation, March 18th, in the "World's Largest Concert" (which combines all members of Agawam's Music Department).

Playing a solo at the Solo/Ensemble Festival April 1st and 2nd, held at the junior high school, and climaxing with "Band Time" (all school bands in Agawam playing together for an evening concert, May 21st.)

We are proud to welcome these young musicians to our school band program!

Agawam Firefighters Pay Visit To James Clark School

On Friday, February 7th, Agawam Fire Department firefighters James Lancour and Eugene Mutti, from the Springfield Street Fire Station in Feeding Hills, paid a visit to second grade classrooms and first grade Room 7 at James Clark School.

Lancour is the father of Daniel Lancour, a Room 5 student, and Mutti is the father of Jeffrey Mutti of Room 7.

The two firefighters gave students an interesting talk about fire safety and then answered students' questions about good safety habits, both at home and school.

Lancour showed the students how firemen look when they go into a burning house. He donned a large yellow coat, huge boots, a large yellow helmet, and on his back carried an oxygen tank. The oxygen tank hissed when Mutti turned it on. The firefighters told the youngsters not to be afraid when they see a fireman coming into their home.

"Remember, we're here to help you," Lancour told the students.

The students also learned the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique if their clothes ever caught on fire from the two firefighters.

Laughing Brook Presents Feb. Vacation Specials

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, presents February Vacation Week, Tuesday to Friday, February 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by February 15th.

Session I of February Vacation Week will, through games, crafts, and hikes, provide children in grades K-3 the opportunity to explore Laughing Brook and the

winter landscape.

In Session II of February Vacation Week, children in grades four to six will spend most of their time outdoors building temporary shelters, gathering wild foods, building fires, and orienting themselves with map and compass. They will also be looking for signs of wildlife and keeping a log book of their observations.

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Agawam Police Seek Members For Police Explorer Post

Are you interested in law enforcement? If you are between the ages of 15-20, then join the Agawam Police Department Explorer Post. Learn what a career in law enforcement can do for you.

The first meeting will be held at the Western Massachusetts Police Academy, 702 South Westfield Street, Agawam, Sunday, February 16th at 7:15 p.m. The post is open to both boys and girls. Parents must attend the first meeting.

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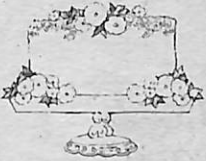
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These programs for families have been tailored to animate and expand upon the fantasyland of "The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss" exhibit of preparatory sketches and drawings, on view through March 30th.

Held weekly at the Springfield art museums, "Something Every Sunday" is made possible with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

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Maciolek uses theatre-creative drama, masks and puppetry in a series of amusing short sketches followed by workshops and discussions involving the audience. Children of all ages have delighted in reading Andersen's "stories," however, they know little about the creator.

As a youth, his life was filled with frustration; he was constantly mocked, rejected, and insulted. Through God's mercy, his own burning desire and courage to succeed, his life developed much like that of a beautiful fairy-tale. This program will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

St. John's Scouts End Weeks Of Making Cars

"And They're Off!" was the slogan shouted on January 28th at St. John's Parish Center.

After two weeks of carving, sanding, and painting, proud cub scouts and their dads brought in their racing cars of all shapes and sizes. The track was set to go with Cubmaster Len Beaudry as track official. Each car had two chances to win, with all boys and parents cheering their car to victory. First place was awarded to Steve Trembly, with a close second and third to Brian DeNardo and Brian Borecki. Congratulations to all the winners.

On February 2nd, cub scouts of Pack 77 and the boy scouts celebrated Scouting Week. Scouts and their mothers attended the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's church and had a Mother and Son Breakfast following Mass at the Parish Center. All the scouts and their moms gave a special thanks to head chef Skip Dionne and his eight little helpers - Tony Borecki, Bill Hayes, Michael McKenna, Bob Castinghino, Eric Anderson, Bruce Hebert, Len Beaudry, and Harvey Gagnon for taking the time to organize and prepare a great breakfast.

The Blue & Gold Banquet will be held at the Parish Center, Sunday, February 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.

Big Y Foods Announce Available Scholarships

Big Y Foods, Inc., has announced that scholarship applications will be available at all Big Y courtesy booths and area high schools and colleges as of February 1st. Students may apply for Paul H. D'Amour Founder's Fellowships and Big Y Merit Scholarships at the same time.

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Antonio F. Gomes, chairman of the scholarship committee, reports that these fellowships supplement the Big Y Merit Scholarship program, which annually awards 16 \$500 scholarships to Big Y employees, dependents of Big Y employees, and Big Y customers. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S SARAH LESTER has been selected to play trumpet with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra at Boston University.

Encore Players' Double Bill Good Stuff

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In its latest production, the Encore Players examine different kinds of relationships through their staging of two dramas by divergent and critically acclaimed playwrights.

The double bill, which ran last Thursday through Saturday, has two more performances scheduled for Friday, February 14th, and Saturday, February 15th. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street), Springfield.

The first play in this production is *The Stronger*, written by August Strindberg (1849-1912), who is one of the founders of modern drama and is regarded by many as Sweden's greatest author.

Set in a restaurant in the 1890's, this play is a short monologue in which a woman referred to as Mrs. X (Conni Lind) reveals some of her most private thoughts to Miss Y (Danielle Fieldstad), a younger woman who says nothing at all yet has much bearing on Mrs. X's monologue.

Directed by Ellen Rivers, *The Stronger* is a low-key but powerful drama which gets much of its strength from the emotions that are expressed through Mrs. X's revelations.

In the role of Mrs. X, Miss Lind projects a subtle intensity which overtakes her calm exterior as the play progresses.

And, as Miss Y, Miss Fieldstad conveys her character's nature through a variety of evocative facial expressions.

The second drama in this double bill is *Fool For Love*, a contemporary, hard-hitting dose of adult theatre from playwright-actor Sam Shepard. (To filmgoers, he is probably best known for his Oscar-nominated performance as test pilot Chuck Yeager in *The Right Stuff*.)

Fool For Love is set in the present and takes place in a run-down motel on the edge of the Mohave Desert. This dilapidated establishment serves as the site for the umpteenth reunion between Eddie (Michael Martin) and May (Linda G. Kelley), who have been having an on-again, off-again love affair for the past 15 years.

The pattern for their long-standing relationship goes as follows; Eddie abruptly arrives in town, he spends some time with May, and then he leaves as quickly as he arrived.

However, it seems that May is finally getting sick of waiting around for one of Eddie's intermittent visits. At the beginning of the play, she is about to go on a date with a good-natured hayseed (Jeff Whitney) who's very attracted to her.

But, when Eddie returns and discovers that he is not the only man in May's life, this sets off his quick temper and spurs him to do anything he can to ruin her chance to develop a relationship with this new suitor.

Meanwhile, Eddie himself is experiencing a romantic entanglement of his own, as he is being chased by a countess who is intent on getting even with him after he deserted her.

While *The Stronger* contains little physical move-

ment and uses dialogue that is emotive yet subdued, *Fool For Love* is altogether different. It is a turbulent drama with strong profanity and a great deal of violent physical action.

The characters of Eddie and May are hot-blooded individuals who have continually inflicted much verbal and physical abuse on each other throughout their fifteen-year relationship. They are lustful people who are driven by an urge to conquer one another whenever they are reunited, and it is this violent uneasiness which adds excitement to their affair and apparently provides the foundation for it.

Fool For Love is by no means a perfect play, for it is a bit difficult to follow and lacks solid characterization. However, for theatergoers who enjoy drama of a highly adult and off-color nature, it does provide an evening's worth of enthralling entertainment.

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Sarah Lester Named By Boston Symphony

Sarah Lester of Feeding Hills, daughter of Robert & Evelyn Lester, has been selected to play the trumpet with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (GBYSO) at Boston University. A student at Agawam High School, she has studied the instrument for eight years.

GBYSO is comprised of 200 elementary and high school students from more than 60 communities throughout New England. Providing the opportunity for these musicians to study and perform orchestral music, GBYSO has played to audiences locally and internationally.

Conducted by Eiji Oue, GBYSO will perform this year at Symphony Hall and Jordan Hall in Boston, and Sanders Theatre in Cambridge.

Also, they have performed at Carnegie Hall and the White House, and in June 1985 the Senior Orchestra of GBYSO toured Austria, Hungary, and Yugoslavia.



PAUL MACDONALD as 'the "Old Man" in "Fool For Love."

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Let's Talk Travel

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Go To Jamaica

It's a new year for me, a new beginning. "New beginning" — a strange phrase when you think about it. To say "Time for a beginning" doesn't sound right and yet aren't all beginnings new — never heard of an "old beginning!" Whatever — I'm doing it.

I'm now affiliated with Agawam resident Michael Martin, at Fugazy Travel in Springfield. I'm looking forward to a long and mutually rewarding relationship.

Let's take a trek through the Caribbean and talk about some of the islands. I've been to Jamaica twice and know something about the island first-hand — so I'll start there.

The original inhabitants of this island called it "Xamayca," meaning "land of woods and streams." This description still holds true today, for Jamaica has dense forested mountains deeply indented by countless streams pouring down their sides.

One of my great adventures was climbing one of those mountains. I walked across a stream on a log, scrambled over huge trees recently downed by a hurricane, and climbed up a waterfall to reach the top.

Botanical Guide

The strange part of this climb was that my traveling companion, Barbara Brown, and myself were told by our guide that we were going to the botanical garden — we didn't know we were going to climb a mountain to get there.

Once at the top, I looked back at my hotel which was just a speck in the distance and experienced that sense of accomplishment that, I guess, is one of the reasons why people climb mountains. Seeing that the Botanical Garden was an important tourist attraction, I asked our guide if there was an easier way to get there. His reply, "Sure, get in a car and drive up the road!" My legs ached for the next three days, but it was an experience I'll never forget!

The weather is warm and sunny all year round. Temperatures range from the high 80's to the low 90's with little seasonal variation. The wettest months are normally May and October.

Jamaica is an independent dominion of the British Commonwealth and the language spoken is English. Flying time from New York is 3½ hours.

Currency is the Jamaican dollar and U.S. dollars must be exchanged for the local currency. This can be done at the airport exchange desk, banks, or at most hotels. I found that although the law requires you pay for hotels, car rentals, etc., in local currency, there are many vendors in the straw market or gift shops that will take U.S. dollars if you should run short of Jamaican.

Entry requirements are proof of citizenship (valid or expired passport, certified birth certificate or voter registration card).

Electricity is mostly 110 volts 50 cycles AC. Some hotels use 220 only (transformers available).

The accommodations range from budget hotels to luxury resorts. I will mention the properties which I enjoy selling — the "all-inclusive resorts." There are five of them in Jamaica, some catering to couples only and others allowing both couples and singles. No children are allowed. Everything is included in the rate. Sports, entertainment, sightseeing, accommodations, food, wine, all bar drinks, cigarettes, taxes, and there's **no tipping!**

I've tried this type of vacation myself and I love it. The only money you need to bring is for souvenirs and the local departure tax at the airport of approximately \$3.50.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

Jean & Joe Mendes of Agawam recently returned from one of the "all-inclusive" clubs and Jean says, "There's so much to do and so many activities to participate in that if you don't have a good time, it's your own fault."

The Sesame Seeds of Agawam spent last weekend in Vermont. The weather was great for skiing. Unfortunately, some of the group were not able to get out on the slopes as they were studying for a biology exam. A gourmet dinner was enjoyed by all at the 5-Star Saw Mill Inn. The food was delicious and the service was excellent. Thanks to Carol & Roger Slate for their hospitality, and the use of their chalets.

I'd like to end this column with a verse from a poem by Mildred H. Bell:

*The morning's come, the air is sweet,
The sun is shining through,
Yesterday has ceased to be —
Today, I start anew.*

Call me at Fugazy International Travel, 461 Sumner Avenue, Springfield 732-3153. I'd be happy to assist you with your vacation plans.

LET'S TALK TRAVEL is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS!



LINDA G. KELLEY, JEFF WHITNEY, and Michael Martin in one of the many turbulent moments in "Fool For Love."

Three-Day Craft Workshop Sponsored By Museum

A three-day Early American craft workshop for children (ages nine to 12) will be offered Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 19th to 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

One hundred and fifty years ago, students had only a few materials to work with at school. Children will learn the skill of sewing pages and finishing with decorative end pages to make a copy book like those used over a century ago.

Also, children in the 19th century often had toys made out of things found around their house or farmyard. Since most families raised their own corn, corn husks were easy to come by.

A corn husk doll was a familiar and simple plaything. Discover the art of hand-crafting a toy and a book by hand.

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CONNI LIND and DANIELLE FIELDSTAD in "The Stronger."

ENCORE PLAYERS - From Page 34...

Sam Shepard is quite adept at depicting sexually-charged emotions and situations with fervent intensity, and this adeptness has earned him both popularity on the off-Broadway stage and much critical praise.

Moreover, under the direction of Carroll Britch, the Encore Players' production of *Fool For Love* is a successful endeavor that is a stimulating change of pace from the usually lighthearted fare which this community theatre group normally stages.

As Eddie and May, respectively, Martin and Miss Kelley provide the perfect amount of passionate and zealous energy to make their characters genuinely believable and thoroughly fascinating to watch. They also do a commendable job of enhancing the script's animalistic ardor, and their acting represents some of the finest work in community theatre that I've seen in recent months.

In the role of May's new suitor, Whitney gives a performance that exhibits a pleasant, rustic charm which properly counterpoints the rough-and-ready demeanor of Eddie.

The remaining character in *Fool For Love* is the "Old Man," a spectral figure who sits in a rocking chair at the right side of the stage and sheds a great deal of light on Eddie and May's past. Well played by Paul MacDonald, the "Old Man" is a crusty codger who, among other things, serves as a source of both wisdom and humor.

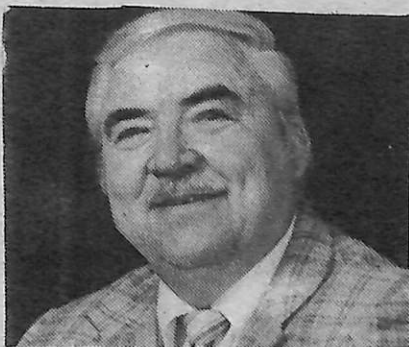
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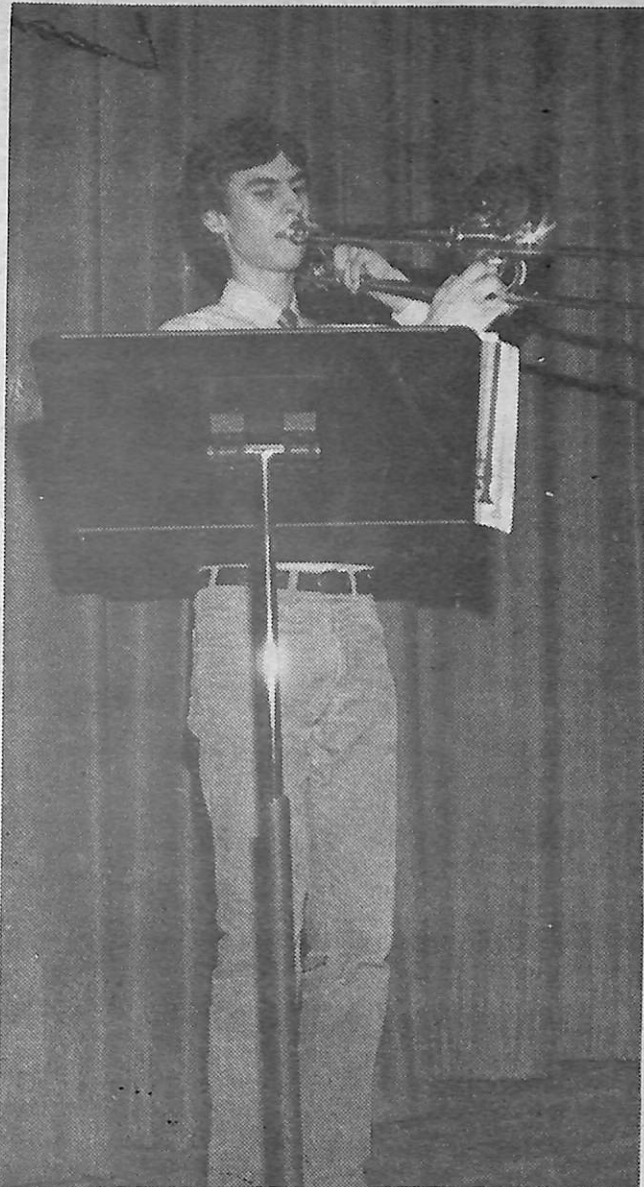


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TOM GIONFRIDDO performs on his trombone during the AHS Music Department's Solo Ensembles/Recitals held in the auditorium last week. Advertiser

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JEFF MACKECHNIE plays the saxophone in the Agawam High School auditorium last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MELISSA MARTIN (flute) and **BARBARA MOREAU** (violin) combined their talents in the AHS auditorium, Tuesday, February 4th. Advertiser News photo by

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EARLY AMERICAN - From Page 35...

This three-day Early American craft workshop for children will be taught by the education staff at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Tuition is \$18 (\$15 for Friends of the Quadrangle). Early registration is recommended. Class size is limited.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

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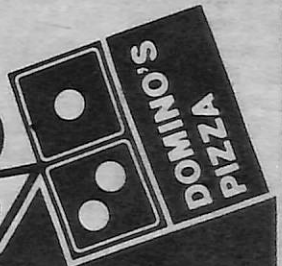
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Agawam Library Plans February Fun For Kids

The Agawam Public Library has scheduled February Fun for elementary school age children on Thursday, February 20th and Thursday, February 27th.

The February 20th program, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., will be a birthday party for George Washington - featuring a biographical filmstrip, some unusual facts about him, and a brunch buffet of food that he and Martha liked most.

The February 27th program, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., will be an after-school story hour of favorite stories, old and new, starring some great characters from some wonderful books. Bring your library card because there will be some books you'll want to take home to read.

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Merriweds Set Date For Annual Americana Showcase

The "Merriweds" of Agawam Congregational Church have set the date of Saturday, March 22nd, for its 19th Annual Americana Showcase of arts, crafts, and collectibles.

An outstanding group of area craftspeople will be on hand to display their wares.

Lunch will be served and home-baked foods will be on sale. Admission will be 50 cents and door prizes will be drawn every hour.

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exhibitors who may wish to join the 1986 Americana Showcase. Several vendor areas are currently available. For further information, call 786-6510, 786-4363.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Schedule Square Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance Saturday, February 22nd, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Benoit will be the caller and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

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Mike Phelps (100-pounds), up from the junior varsity, started Agawam off with a 9-2 win over Paul Mauri. Following with victories were teammates Jim Pirro (107), 13-6 over Charlie Gilman; Bob Beaulieu (114), 4-2 over Eric Watts; Bill Kierkla (121), 15-0 over Bryan Williams; Benny Rocca (134), 16-0 over Mike Peryn; and Tony Ingham (140), 14-1 over Dan Tomasetti.

Agawam actually held a 15-10 lead in the early-going thanks to victories by Bealieu (114), Jim Frasco (121), and Cascio (128). The Bombers then rattled off the next four matches in neat order, including a shocking pin by Steve Paskowicz over Langone in 1:32 in a battle pitting two undefeated schoolboys against one another.

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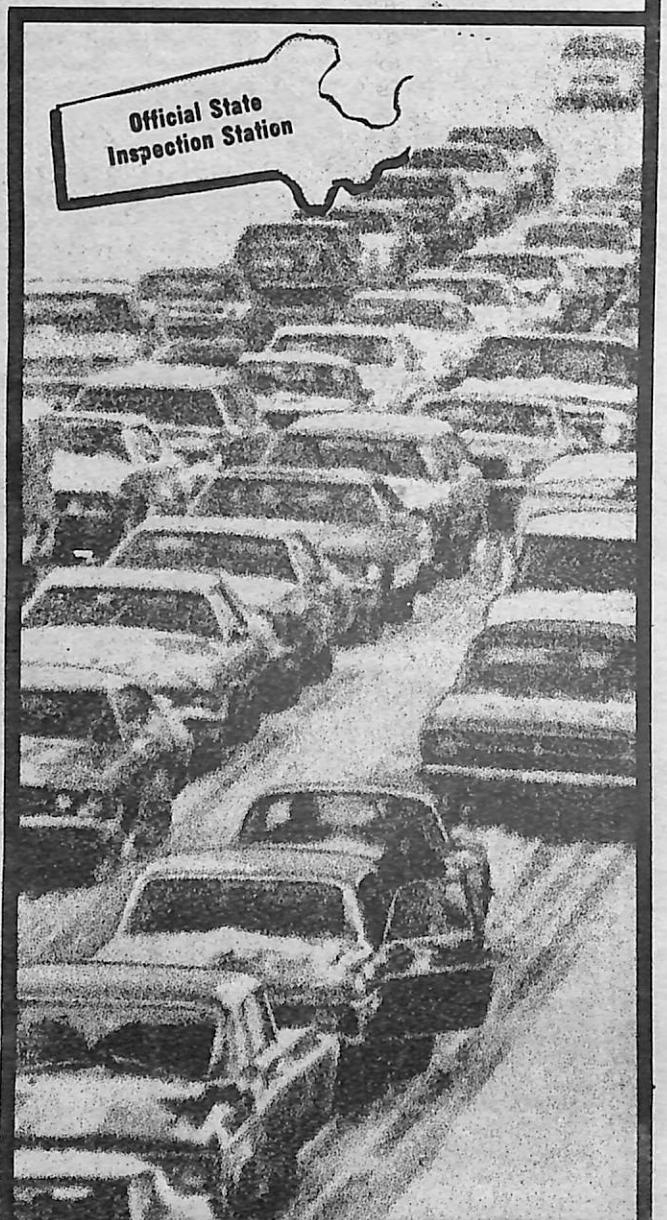
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EARL GEORGE, a chairman of the Polish American Club's Bingo Committee, and **Ann Twarog**, a bingo member, receive a plaque from **Gary Converse** for the club's sponsorship of the Agawam Athletic Association's 13-15 championship baseball team last summer. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

24th Annual Camping, Outdoor Show

The 24th Annual Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show will be held at the Better Living Center on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts, February 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th.

This year's theme is "Camping's Great With Chapter 8," and will display the largest showing in the Northeast of the latest RVs, travel (RV - recreational vehicles) trailers, motor homes, fold-down trailers, campers, pop-ups, tents, and camping accessories available for camping enthusiasts.

The Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show affords the serious camper the luxury of "shopping" for the most updated 1986 camping equipment, supplies and accessories, plus an inspiring showcase for the exchange of ideas and items to extend the limits of one's RV-ing capabilities.

Shriner clowns, entertainment, special features and demonstrations will be presented over the four day show. In addition, a special booth will be dedicated to providing information on camping safety. The 24th annual presentation is designed to entertain the entire family.

In addition to the many exhibitors, camping ground representatives from every part of the northeast will provide visitors with information and literature which includes specific data on camping, traveling, and safety for planning their next camping adventure.

The Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show every year has great prizes. This year the first door prize is a pop-up camper which sleeps five. Second prize is a handsome tent with camping accessories, and third prize is a popular screen house with four lounge chairs.

Two 10-speed bicycles will be presented to children. Many more door prizes will be drawn on a periodic basis throughout the four days of the show.

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S.J. Evonsion Comes To Riverside Speedway With Title Thoughts

At the age of 40, Steve (S.J.) Evonsion, a welder by trade from East Hartland, Connecticut, has shown a great deal of accomplishment in New England Auto Racing at Riverside Park Speedway.

Evonsion has had a dream for several seasons of becoming a Nascar Winston Racing Series Champion at the Park.

For 1986, S.J. is going after that dream as the owner and driver of a new Cavalier and a new race team. In December 1984, the team purchased the Ray Everham Troyer Cavalier, complete with a Tant-Motor Shop-Precision prepared 364 engine. With paint from Rod's Customs and sponsorship from Diamond Construction and Leisure Time Canvas, the operation was ready.

The new team from the Hidden Acres Farms of Granby consists of Paul Bennite, Frank Rinaldi, Bill Murphy, Tim Sokolowski, and Ray Evonsion. Their goal is a title at the Riverside Park Speedway and they are prepared to do anything to get that honor.

Evonsion's list of achievements looks as impressive as any driver competing at Riverside. He is perhaps the most consistent frontrunner ever at Riverside. During the past four years, he has finished about 80 percent of the time in the top five. He once dominated the 340 Bonus Program as the all-time winner in bonus money. Perhaps his most noted win was at Riverside when he won the Winston 200, the biggest event of the 1983 season. Evonsion was also the last person to ever win a feature on the old one-quarter mile at Riverside.

His racing career started in 1963 in the novice division at the park. He progressed with feature wins and moved to the late models. He was a United Modified Champion in 1972 at the park driving for Leo Mattie. He has driven for such noted owners as Bob Gabarino, Phil Talisano, Zigaldo Brothers, and Billy Simons. One of his most famous rides was the weatherall Cavalier, a car that he vacated in 1984.

During the 1986 season, Evonsion will be a regular at Riverside. He also plans to visit Stafford for some of the major events. "I am doing this because I enjoy it. I don't need a car owner or crew moaning about what happened on the track. That's why I bought my own car. It's going to be fun again," he said.

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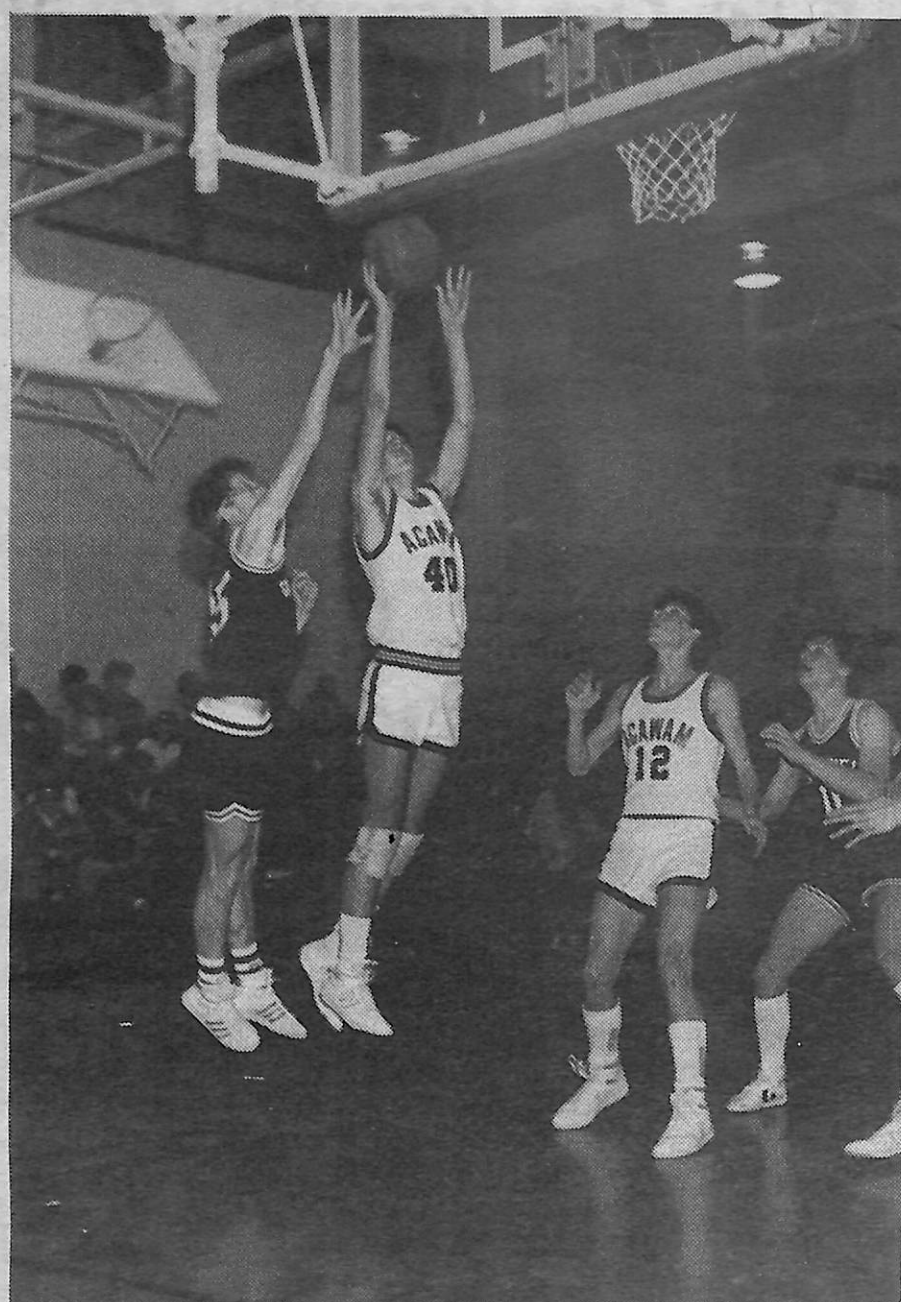
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AGAWAM JUNIOR VARSITY BROWNIES in recent action. The team is 10-6 overall on the season. Advertiser

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JIM LOCKWOOD of the Agawam High junior varsity basketball team (12) watches fight for rebound in first half action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Red Raiders Too Much For Brownies, 87-57

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Relentless full court pressure throughout the night powered Valley League leader Commerce to an 87-57 victory over Agawam High, Tuesday, February 11th, before a near-capacity crowd at the Brownies gym in schoolboy basketball action.

That loss, combined with a fine 75-62 triumph against Classical (February 7th), where senior Mike Chausse scored 18 points, gives the Brownies a 9-7 overall record and 7-7 in the Valley Wheel.

The victory over Classical is the first for the Brownies over that school in memory on the hardwood and may be the first in many years.

Coach Mike Martin and his charges will travel to Holyoke High, Friday, February 14th, and then host Putnam Vocational, Tuesday, February 18th. Both teams are from the Valley League.

Agawam hung-tough against much-hearded Commerce for the first half, but turnovers allow the Red Raiders to build a substantial lead by the middle of the third quarter.

Martin, the former Red Raiders coach, leading them to three state championships, must have been pleased by what he saw, especially in the first half when the Brownies were right in the thick of things.

The visitors had three powerful weapons - the slick ballhandling of Gary Perry (17), the deadly outside jump shooting of burly forward William Shepard (20),

and the accurate turnaround jumper from close range of Gary Bestman (21).

Agawam relied on the offensive punch of Chausse (14), Ray Leclair, and spunky point guard Tim Lockwood. Both Leclair and Lockwood chipped in 10 points each.

It was an exciting first quarter with each team struggling to maintain a one-point lead by the buzzer. The Brownies took a 14-9 lead thanks to baskets by Chausse and strong defensive rebounding from Paul Scoville and Paul Fetherston.

Leclair's fastbreak layup with 59 seconds remaining gave the locals an 18-17 lead, however, Daryl King hit an outside jumper a few seconds later to give the Red

Raiders the lead after one.

Commerce came out tired-up in the second quarter as they reeled off eight straight points for a 27-18 lead. The Red Raiders' press hampered the Brownies offense, but long-range bomber Dave Pemberton hit all eight of his points that quarter to bring the Brownies within three with two minutes left before the intermission.

Shepard then hit three consecutive baskets as the talented visitors rebuilt its lead to 39-30 at the half.

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G-Town Escapes With Round Two Title In Tri-Parish Bowling

While everyone had just about taken it for granted that Georgetown would annex the Round Two championship of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, second place St. Anselm put a tremendous scare into G-Town in the final match of the round.

Needing a four-win sweep to steal the Round Two title from G-Town, St. A's managed three wins, just one shy of tying G-Town for first place. However, because St. A's held a total team pinfall of over 300 pins on G-Town, they would have been declared the champs in the event of a tie.

G-Town finished Round Two with 29 wins and St. A's had 27.

In this thrilling match, G-Town's JOHN MILNEK opened things strong for the winners, blasting past GAIL BLAIR, 308-275. However, St. A's then really put the pressure on. KATHY PRZESZLO clobbered JAY LAGODITZ, 297-244; and RAY BARBIERI, the Round Two runner-up for the Most Valuable Player, crushed CHERYL PRZESZLO (Kathy's sister), 326-269.

This set the stage for G-Town captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, who nudged past St. A's captain VI MASSOIA, 327-314. Al was named the Round Two MVP afterwards for his heroics throughout Round Two, although Barbieri was a very close second.

Now, G-Town joins Boston College (Round One winners) for the spring championship roll-offs with Round Three left to go. Al Moccio joins his brother, Bobby, the BC captain, as an MVP this year and the playoffs certainly will be intense with these two competitive brothers going at it.

Around the rest of the league: Defending grand champions St. Louis (3rd place-26 wins) finished off Round Two in a flurry by sweeping past Loyola (10th place-19 wins). St. Lou will definitely be a top contender to win Round Three, thereby qualifying for the spring champions to defend its crown.

St. Lou winners were STELLA BARBIERI (278), DANA PEPPER (276), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER, firing-away with a big 338. Loyola captain EDDIE ANDERSON continued his downhill slide with a lowly 273. The only Loyola winner was jewelry expert RON HAMEL (290).

Holy Cross (4th place-24 wins) split with last place Catholic University (15 wins), two wins each. HC winners were FELIX PEPPER (266), and captain STU STORK, who took no prisoners on CU captain Jim Snyder, 350-290. CU winners were substitute BOBBY TASSINARI (326) and STEP STEPANIAN (301).

St. Mary's (11th place-17½ wins) upset St. Michael (5th place-23 wins), three wins to one. St. Mary's winners were STEVE DEVANEY (311) and substitute captain JOHN O'CONNELL, of the O'Connell bowling family (330). John-boy whipped his dad of St. Mike's, MIKE O'CONNELL (282).

Villanova took some measure of revenge on Boston College, three wins to one. Villanova finished the round in 8th place (20½ wins) and BC was in 6th (22 wins). BC, if you remember, beat Villanova in that famous match to end Round One, thereby taking the title. Villanova rolled like losers for the first six weeks of Round Two before recovering nicely, and BC just went through the motions, basking in its Round One glories.

In the matchup, Villanova took three wins and were led by JEAN BUONICONTI (291), FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (311), and anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS (344). He really laid the wood to somewhat uncaring BOBBY MOCCIO (308), the Round One MVP. Bobby didn't seem that concerned as his team had already qualified for the championships. The Lordly Barber promises his team will be primed for Round Three.

Fordham (7th place-21½ wins) swept past Notre Dame (9th place-19½ wins), four wins to none. Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (304), JANICE MOCCIO (299), and captain ANN O'CONNELL (327). In a fine battle, Fordham's RICHIE SNYDER rolled an outstanding 349, with a season-high Class A single of 144. He defeated a tough RENEE JURY of ND (315). Fordham has three rollers over the 300-pinfall mark.

Brownie JV Boys Drop Red Raiders, Move Record To 10-6

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Five players scored in double figures to help the Agawam High boys' junior varsity basketball team to its highest offensive output of the season en route to a 93-72 victory over Springfield Commerce, Tuesday, February 11th, at the AHS gym.

Under first-year coach Jimmy Connery, this was Agawam's third straight victory to raise its record to 10-6 at presstime.

Agawam's other recent victories came against Springfield schools as well - 56-47 over Classical, Friday, February 7th, and 63-60 over Cathedral, Wednesday, February 5th.

In the Cathedral win, the Brownies rallied from a six-point deficit with five minutes to go in the game to pull out the victory.

According to Connery, his team has seen marked improvement, especially in its last three outings.

"The kids have been playing really well lately," said Connery. "They've learned to attack any pressure they face and it seems to have helped, especially against the city schools."

Connery's ability to utilize each one of his players throughout a game has paid good dividends down the stretch. It should also be a big plus for next year's varsity squad. Many of these same JV performers will probably be moving up to coach Mike Martin's ranks in 1986-87.

"The kids have been working really hard in practice all year. We work especially hard on man-to-man defense so they will be ready to play varsity," Connery told us.

Against Commerce, Agawam pivotman Rob Vandergrith led all scorers with 19 points, followed by teammates Joe Kosinski (13), Pete Vecchiarelli (12), Mike DiLullo, and Jim Lockwood (10).

Agawam's fastbreak led by Lockwood and rebounding Jeff Reece and Vandergrith, sparked the locals to a 41-30 halftime lead.

Commerce's playground run-and-gun game accounted for few shots going into the hoop and the Brownies burly Vecchiarelli and Reece cleaned-house underneath the glass.

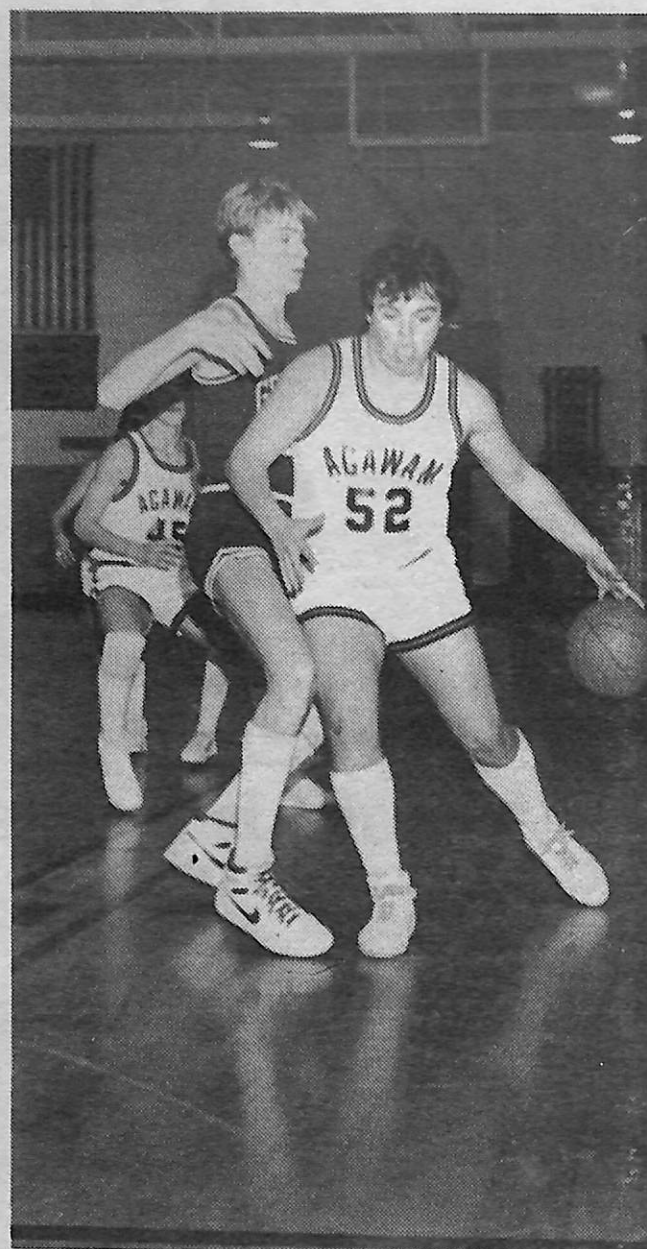
Chris Ollari provided some good ball movement to break Commerce's full-court pressure defense.

During the tail-end of the third period, the Brownies big men, Vandergrith and Reece, each got hot offensively. Reece's layup at the buzzer built the Brownies' advantage to 71-50.

Agawam spent most of the final quarter at the foul line as Commerce finally became frustrated with its own play and began to hack and hack some more.

The JV Brownies will next play against Holyoke, Friday, February 14th, and return home vs. Putnam, Tuesday, February 18th.

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closed all day, Friday,
February 14th, and
Monday, February
17th, to observe the
President's Holiday



AGAWAM JUNIOR VARSITY POWER FORWARD Mike Egan moves around opponent in recent action for the Brownies. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

BOYS' HOOP - From Page 40...

Agawam remained within striking distance of Commerce midway through the third quarter thanks to 6-6 free throw shooting from Leclair (4) and Lockwood (2), as well as aggressive defensive rebounding from Pemberton.

From there, unfortunately, the roof caved-in on the Brownies. Turnovers began to rain havoc on the Brownies and the Red Raiders took full advantage. Commerce scored the last 10 points of the period and led, 54-40 after three sessions.

Commerce maintained control of the final eight minutes as the gap between the two schools widened. Both teams substituted freely with several minutes remaining as the outcome was no longer in any doubt.

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The latest on ice fishing is encouraging. Littleville is producing bumper catches of smelt and the jiggers are taking trout regularly. Tony Pisano and Angelo Borgatti are making regular trips to the recreation area and

are bringing home smelt and trout. It is rumored that a 26-inch trout was iced recently.

The howling that the fish hogs are taking more trout than the law calls for has fallen off remarkably. The reason could be the enlargement of our EPO force. The new officers are doing a great job. They have snowmobiles and are able to cover many lakes in the western counties. It is about time.

One fisherman complained to me that he had been checked three times in one week. The word is getting around and the law breakers are turning honest for fear of being caught.

Large pike are being iced at Lake Buel and some respectable perch are being caught. Greenwater Pond is giving up nice trout and Laurel Lake in Lee is producing large trout and perch.

Large white perch are being caught at Otis Reservoir and Big Benton. Congomond is a good bet close to home. Pickerel are being taken regularly. Be very careful using a snowmobile or car on the ice.

The law in Southwick frowns on the practice at this time.

Turkey permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office at present. The deadline for filing the application is February 25th. Over 5,000 turkey permits will be issued this year. The season is split and you must make a decision on which season you desire.

AAA Girls Run To 41st Straight

The Agawam Athletic Association 7th-8th grade girls' suburban basketball team is sitting pretty with an 18-0 record this season and a 41-game win streak over two years.

Coached by Bob Hersey and Carl Poole, the talented hoopsters seem untouchable as they breezed through this season, including recent victories over Easthampton (50-23), West Springfield (41-23), and Northampton (45-24).

Agawam will end the regular season at Southampton, Sunday, February 16th, and will then participate in the Wilbraham Invitational Tournament, beginning Tuesday, February 18th.

The talent never seems to run out from the starting five to the very last player off the bench, which seems to be the reason for Agawam's domination in the league.

Contrary to popular belief, the league is competitive - Agawam is just that much more rich in talent and experience than its opponents.

That is evidenced by the efforts of Agawam's starting five, which were instrumental in all three of the team's latest victories - Karen Patterson, Alana Graham, Jennifer Scaggs, Missy Brown, and Cathy Scaggs.

Not to be overlooked is the valuable substitute work of Alison Manning, Joy Clark, Lisa Suffriti, Andrea Tabin, Sharon Phaneuf, Kristin Wing, and Maura Martin.

Please turn to
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lated pictures of
AAA Girls Hoop

Frosh Cagers Improving As Season Ends

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A much-improved Agawam Junior High basketball team snapped a five-game losing streak with a team-oriented, 62-50 triumph over West Springfield High, Friday, February 7th, but then bowed to a very strong Westfield High team, 40-31, Tuesday, February 11th.

First-year coach Rex Evans' squad stands 4-9 at presstime and will close the season, Friday, February 14th, vs. Amherst.

The last time Agawam played Westfield they were blown away by 30 points, but this time, balanced scoring and intense team defense kept them well within reach of the Bombers.

"We really played like a team against Westfield," said Evans. "I'm really proud of how everyone played. The kids gave an outstanding effort in the first half, but we had only nine players and it was tough for us to keep that intensity for the entire game."

The key to Agawam's improved play was its ability to handle Westfield's man-to-man defensive pressure, mainly behind the solid ballhandling of guard Aaron Vanderhoof.

The Warriors led, 10-8 after the first quarter, but fell a bit in the second quarter, trailing by just 17-16 at the intermission.

While there was no one scoring star for Agawam, all five starters hit for field goals, including Vanderhoof, John Serra, George Corgan, Roy O'Quinn, and Daren Brown.

Against West Springfield, everything the Warriors tried worked very well. The locals were in total control of the affair as its full-court press bothered and pestered West Side to take them right out of the game.

Serra (14) and Vanderhoof (17) propelled the Warriors to a 36-15 halftime lead. Corgan (8), O'Quinn (8), and Brown (7) also contributed offensively.

"The win against West Side was very important for us," said Evans. "I think it helped us bounce back from the losses all at once. If we play Amherst as well as we've played in our last two games, then we should end the season on a positive note."

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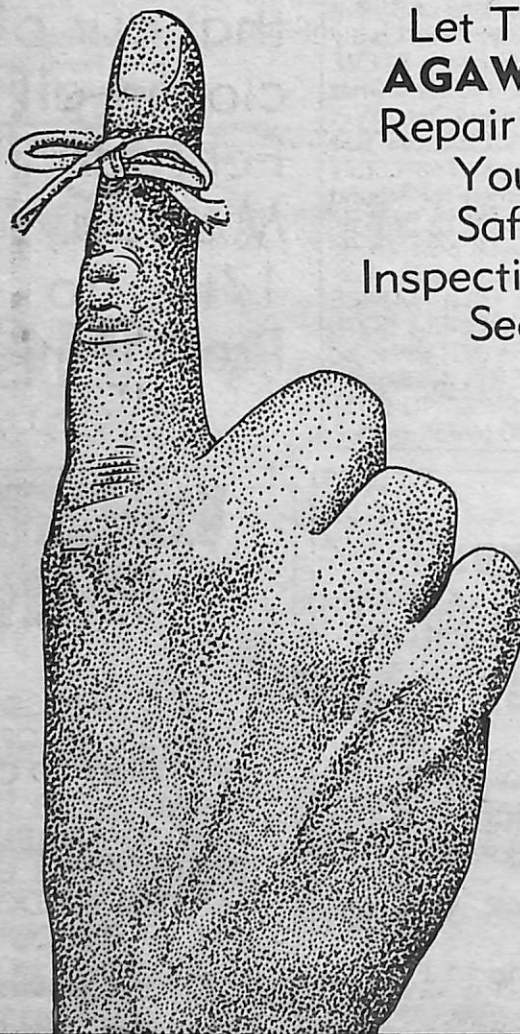
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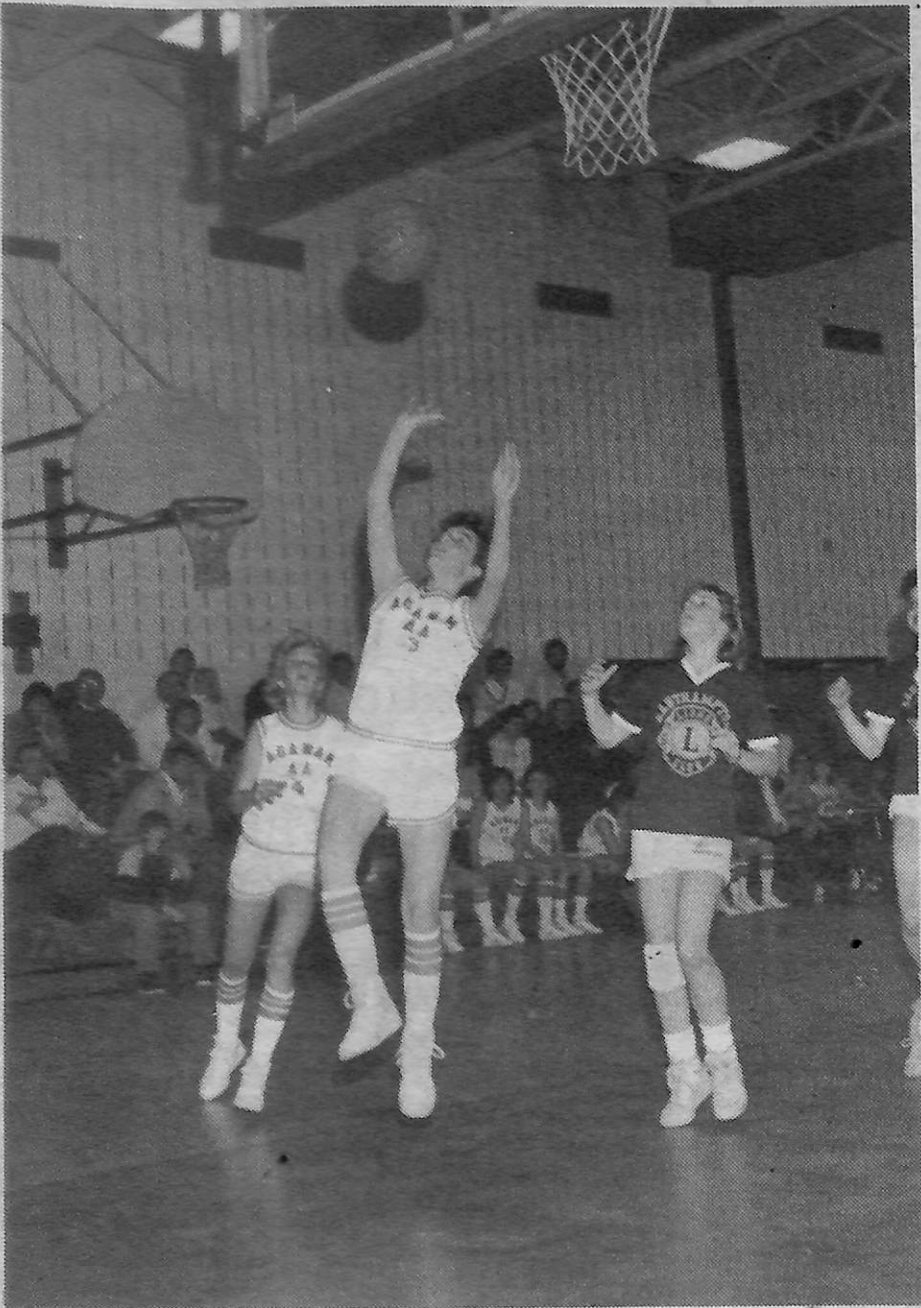
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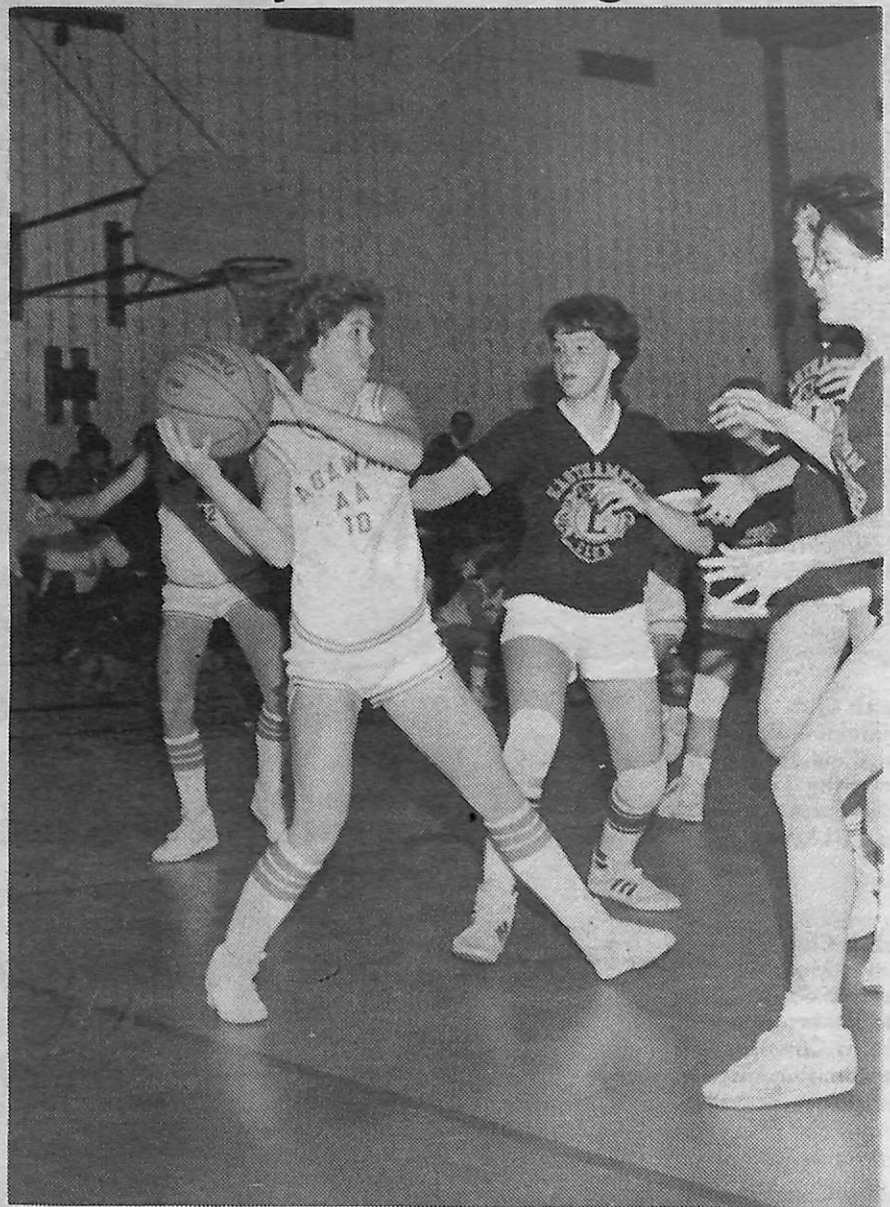


AAA Suburban Girls Continue To Romp - 41 Straight



AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION girls' suburban players Karen Patterson and Alana Graham in action against a team from Easthampton at the Agawam Junior High School. The girls, coached by Bob Hersey and Carl Poole, have won 41 consecutive games over Suburban League opponents. The girls will finish their season, Sunday, February 16th, and then go into the prestigious Wilbraham Invitational Tournament as the favorite to win it all. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM AA girls' suburban player Jen Scaggs is surrounded by Easthampton players in the team's easy recent victory at the Agawam Junior High School. Jen is a starter on the team and is a good reason why the locals have won 41 straight. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Polish Club	0-6

NATIONAL

Provin Mountain Farms	4-2
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10-12 League

Polish Club	6-0
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13-15

Polish Club	6-0
Provin Mountain Farms	5-1
Lunden Construction	4-2
Aldrich Insurance	2-4
Collins Construction	1-5
Preston Trucking Company	0-6

Girls 8-11 League

Collins Construction	6-0
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AAA Girls 5th-6th Grade Now 12-2 Overall In Hoop

The AAA sponsored suburban 5th-6th grade girls' basketball team reached new heights over the past weekend by upending undefeated league leader Wilbraham at the Agawam Junior High School, on Saturday, February 8th.

The come-from-behind win was a total team effort. After trailing 11-7 at halftime, the Agawam girls put together a string of nine unanswered points to lead 16-11 going into the fourth quarter.

A pressing defense by the visitors narrowed the margin to two points, but in the end, they could not deny the determined effort by the Agawam team who won the thrilling game by a final score of 22-20.

Displaying their talents in perhaps their best game of the season were Laura Bielitz, Cheryl Collins, Kristen Godfrey, Kathy Gravel, Jennifer Lomelino, Silvana Manes, Sheila Martin and Kim Trudel.

Coach Rene Trudel said that the girls put it all together against a solid Wilbraham team. "We have been practicing since November and the girls are believing in themselves and playing good team basketball. They have come a long way since that first practice."

On Friday, February 7th, the girls registered a 24-9 win over a willing, but undermanned Chicopee Ball Club. Good team defense was the key in this game as the locals forced the opponents into many turnovers with their aggressive style of play.

The team concluded its regular season schedule on Monday, February 10th, with an easy, 30-4 win over a very young and inexperienced Easthampton team.

The Agawam team has a six-game winning streak, a league record of 12-2 (13-4 overall), good for second place, and will now wait for the playoffs, which are tentatively scheduled to start the last week of February.

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Sacred Heart AA Holds Baseball/Softball Signups



JENNIFER SIANA, 9, and her sister, Meredith, 7, are all smiles as they sign-up for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's spring/summer girls' softball program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WAYNE PAGE, chairman of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, and Lucille Camyre, girls' 10-13 softball commissioner, sign-up young Amy Mastroianni last weekend at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Girls Hoop Falls Further Below .500

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The tall tandem of Laurel Reddington and Jill Lundberg scored 24 and 13 points, respectively, to spark East Longmeadow High to a 55-37 victory over Agawam High, Tuesday, February 11th, in Valley Wheel girls' basketball action at the AHS gym.

A fastbreaking West Springfield High burned the Brownies, 71-46, Friday, February 7th, giving the locals a 6-9 record at presstime. Coach Amy MacNicholl's hoopsters will next play on the road vs. Minnechaug Regional of Wilbraham, Friday, February 14th, and Amherst Regional, Monday, February 17th.

The inside of the 5'11" Reddington and 5'10" Lund-

berg was too overpowering for the Brownies to deal with, who were without the services of center Kelli Trudel, as well as starters C.G. Long and Joelle Dion.

Miss MacNicholl did give praise to the efforts of Lisa Caron and Carolyn Jockhim, who were pressed into fulltime duty to help fill the gaps.

In the low-scoring first quarter, two baskets by senior Gina Serra and one by Trish Landry kept the Brownies within two points of the Spartans, 8-6. The Brownies were then victimized by a 16-5 second quarter spurt by the Spartans and trailed, 24-11 at the intermission.

Reddington, the leading scorer this year in the Valley Wheel (19.8), came out shooting in the third

quarter. She netted 12 points, including eight off the offensive boards as the Brownies could not match her size inside. The Brownies trailed, 44-23 after three quarters.

The locals applied a fullcourt, man-to-man press to open the fourth quarter and it proved effective as they tallied the initial 10 points. Lori Desimone and Landry each had four points during that spree, bringing them within 44-33 with 5:35 left.

Lundberg provided some key buckets down the stretch to assure the Spartans of the comfortable victory.

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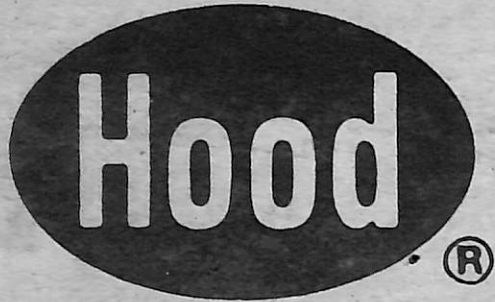
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